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In Banco Reginæ.

THOMAS JONES, Of the Parish of *Llanarthney*, in the County of *Carmarthen*, *Smelter*, maketh Oath, That he, this Deponent was on the Ninth of *May* last, listed as a Soldier by Sir *Edward Mansell*, *Thomas Mansell*, and *Thomas Popkins* Esqs; Three of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, for the County of *Glamorgan*, and, that on the Night before, being just gone off his Watch into Bed, very Weary and Tired, after Twelve Hours hard Work, *Watkin Reynold*, *Howell Thomas*, *William John*, *Hopkin David*, and *David Thomas*, Servants of the said *Thomas Mansell*, broke open the Door of the House where he this Deponent Lodged, without any Constable; and Arrested and Imprisoned this Deponent till he was so Listed as aforesaid, and afterwards this Deponent was discharged by the said Justices, and earnestly solicited by the said *Thomas Mansell*, and others, Agents of the said Justices, to release the Actions brought in his Name against the said Justices and their Agents, and in Case he would give such a Release, this Deponent should have Twenty Pounds a Year, but in Case he should refuse so to do, they the said Justices would have him, this Deponent, transported beyond Sea, or words to that Effect.

Thomas Jones.

Jurat aput Neath in Com. Glamorgan decimo Tertio die Octobris Anno Regni Annæ Reginæ Ang. &c. Quarto Coram me unum Commissionr. Constitut. in Cor. pred. in Com. pred. per formam Statute, &c.

Leyson Williams.

In Banco Reginæ.

ROBERT EVAN, Of the Parish of *Cadoxton*, in the County of *Glamorgan*, Yeoman, aged Thirty Two Years, or thereabouts, Maketh Oath, That there are an Hundred Men and upwards, as he believes, employed in, and about the Smelting of Lead-Oar, extracting Silver out of the Lead, making Lytharge and Red-Lead, and raising and carrying of Coal for Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company of *Mine Adventurers*, by which Means great Profit doth arise to the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Partners; and the Inhabitants of the Town and Country thereabouts do receive great Advantage by the Trade, which is thereby brought amongst them, and that all the said Works were carryed on with great Success until about the Ninth day of *May* last, several Covenanted Workmen belonging to the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Partners, were Listed to serve as Soldiers by Sir *Edward Mansell* Bar. *Thomas Mansell* of *Britton-ferry* Esq; and *Thomas Popkins* Esq; Three of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, and *Thomas Hawkins* Chief Agent of the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company was threatned, of which notice being given to the said Workmen by *Thomas Jenkins*, Father of *William Thomas* one of the Workmen belonging to the said Works, and *Margaret*, Sister of the said *William Thomas*, and another Woman, both Servants to *Rees Mansell*, having warned the said Workmen before, to shift for themselves; he this Deponent, and the said Workmen ran away in a Fright, and left the said Works in great Confusion, and to the great prejudice of the Owners thereof, and Damage to the said Workmen, and

this Deponent saith, that he never heard that *Thomas Hawkins*, Chief Agent of the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company, or any other by his Directions, or any other Agent of Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, or Company, did Order, Direct, or Advise the said Workmen, or any of them to run away, or leave their said Work: And this Deponent saw *Edward John*, one of the said covenanted Workmen taken out of his Bed in the middle of the Night, without a Constable, at the House of *Mary John*, Widow, in the Parish of *Lantwitt Juxta Neath*, by *John George*, *Howell Thomas*, and *David Thomas*, Servants of the said *Thomas Mansell*; and saith, that the said *Edward* was afterwards Listed by the said Justices, and sent away as a Soldier. Since which time the said *Edward* hath been at *Margam*, the House of Sir *Edward Mansell*, and this Deponent lately asking him to come again to his Work, the said *Edward* replyed, that he durst not come, unless some Persons from *Margam* come along with him, and the said *Edward* declared, that he was permitted to go any where, but to the Works of the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Partners.

Robert Evan.

Jurat apud Neath in Com. Glamorgan, decimo Tertio die Octobris coram me Constit. per formam Statut, &c.

Leyson Williams.

In Banco Regine.

THOMAS JENKINS, Of *Neath*, in the County of *Glamorgan*, Collier, aged Fifty Years, or thereabouts; maketh Oath, That he had a Son named *William Thomas Jenkins*, employed in the Works of Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company of Mine Adventurers; and that Sir *Edward Mansell*, *Thomas Mansell* of *Britton-ferry* Esq, and *Tho. Popkins* Esq, came to *Neath* on the Ninth Day of *May* last, and listed as Soldiers *Thomas Jones*, *Edward John*, and others, covenanted Work-men of the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company; and this Deponent, being informed by the said *Thomas Jones* and *Edward John*, that they could not obtain their Discharge; he, this Deponent, of his own Accord, and for the Security of his Son, went up to the Works of the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company; and acquainted them, that there was sad News at *Neath*, that all that went before the Justices, were condemned to go Soldiers; and therefore advised them to shift for themselves: And this Deponent saith, that he was at that time, and still is, employed in the Coal-works of *Evan Evans* Esq; and that none of the Colliers or Work-men of the said *Evan Evans* were listed by the said Justices.

Tho. Jenkins.

Jurat apud Neath in Com. Glamorgan, Decimo quinto die Octobris Anno Regni Anna Regina Angl. &c. quarto coram me unum Comissionem Constitut. in Cor. pred. in Com. pred. per formam Statut.

Leyson Williams.

In Banco Regine.

JOB REES, Of the Town of *Neath*, in the County of *Glamorgan*, maketh Oath, that he, this Deponent has been for ſeveral Years laſt paſt, and is ſtill employed as Miller to Sir *Humphry Mackworth* in his Mills at *Neath* aforeſaid, and that *John Bynon* was hired for a Year to be Carrier to the ſaid Mills, and that he behaved himſelf very well in his Employment; but before his Year was expired, upon the Ninth Day of *May* laſt, *Watkin Reynold*, *Howel Thomas*, and other Servants of *Thomas Manſel* of *Britton-ferry* Eſq; without the Aid of any Conſtable, ſeized the ſaid *John Bynon* then upon his Buſineſs, and afterwards took him before Sir *Edward Manſell*, the ſaid *Thomas Manſell* and *Thomas Popkins* Eſqs; Three of Her Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, by whom the ſaid *John Bynon* was ſent away to ſerve Her Majeſty in Her Land Forces, under the Command of *Buſſey Manſell*, Grand-Son to the ſaid Sir *Edward Manſell*, notwithſtanding this Deponent informed the ſaid Juſtices, and offer'd to make Oath thereof, that the loſs of the ſaid *John Bynon*'s Service would be a great prejudice to this Deponent, and to the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth*.

Job Rees.

Juratus apud Neath in Com. Glamorgan, Decimo tertio die Octobris, An. Regni Anne Regine Angl. &c. quarto Coram me unum Comiſſionum Conſtitutum in Cor. pred. in Com. pred. per formam Statut. &c.

Leyſon Williams.

In Banco Regine.

WILLIAM FEILDHOUSE, Of *Mellingrythan*, near *Neath*, in the County of *Glamorgan*, Operator to the Company of Mine Adventurers of *England* for the ſmelting of Oares at their Works in *Mellingrythan* aforeſaid maketh Oath, That he, this Deponent, about one of the Clock in the Night, between the eighth and ninth Days of *May* laſt, did ſee *Thomas Jones*, *David Morgan*, and *David John Bevan*, his fellow Workmen and Covenant Servants to the ſaid Company, together with one *Edward John William*, Servant to Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and the ſaid Company, or one of them in the Cuſtody of five or ſix Perſons, whoſe names, as this Deponent hath been informed and believes, are *Watkins Reynold*, *Howell Thomas*, *William John*, *David Thomas*, *Hopkin David*, and *John George*, who were no Conſtables or Parish Officers, but Servants to *Thomas Manſell* of *Britton-ferry* in the ſaid County of *Glamorgan* Eſq; without any Parish-Officer aſſiſting them: And this Deponent taking Compaſſion upon the ſaid *Thomas Jones*, he having been at Work for Twelve Hours before at the Furnace, did thereupon offer and deſire to be bound for the Appearance of the ſaid *Thomas Jones* his fellow Work-man before the Juſtices, at ſuch time as they ſhall require; but the ſaid *Watkin Reynold*, *Howell Thomas*, *William John*, *David Thomas*, *Hopkin David*, and *John George*, did refuſe to accept the ſame, and put the ſaid *Thomas Jones* in a Room in the Houſe of one *Rees Manſell* of *Mellingrythan* aforeſaid, together with the ſaid *David Morgan*, *David John Bevan*, and *Edward John William*, and did confine them in the ſaid Room, and locked or bolted the Door upon them, where they were kept under cloſe Confinement

for some time, till about Eleven of the Clock of the said ninth Day of *May*, the said *Thomas Jones* and *Edward John William*, together with *Evan ap Evan*, *Thomas John*, and *Griffith Evan*, also Servants to the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company, or one of them, were carried before Sir *Edward Mansell* of *Margam* Baronet: The said *Thomas Mansell* of *Brittonferry*, and *Thomas Popkins* of the Forest in the said County of *Glamorgan* Esqr; who had a meeting the same Day for that purpose at *Neath* aforesaid, who, as this Deponent was informed and believes, were, by the said Justices, listed as Soldiers to serve in Her Majesty's Land-Forces under the Command of Captain *Mansell*, Grand-Son to the said Sir *Edward Mansell*, whereupon this Deponent apprehending himself to be in Danger of being sent away as a Soldier, and being informed that the said Justices would not, on any account, discharge the said *Thomas Jones*, nor any of the said Men belonging to the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company, notwithstanding Application was then made by Mr. *Thomas Hawkins*, Chief Agent to the said Company in that behalf, He, this Deponent, through fear, left the said Work and ran away with the rest of his fellow Work-men belonging to the said Company to a great number, by which means the said Works were in great Confusion, the Lead, Lytharge, Red-Lead and Silver then at work in the Furnaces, within the said Work-house, were left unwrought, and all the said Works at a stand, the Furnaces thereby much Damnified, to the very great prejudice of the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company; and this Deponent further saith, that he believes, that the proceedings above mentioned of the said Justices, and their Servants were particularly carried on to prejudice the Works of the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company: For that, the said *Thomas Mansell* of *Brittonferry* and others his Servants and Dependents have often threatned to send the Work-men of the said Works away out of the Country, and to pull the said Work-house down, as this Deponent hath been credibly informed, and for that, the Workmen belonging to several other Works of the like Nature in this Neighbourhood, were not in anywise disturbed, but permitted to follow their Work by the Persons above mentioned.

Wm. Feildhouse.

Jurat apud Neath in Com. Glamorgan, decimo tertio die Octobris 1705. Coram me unum Comiss. per formam Statut. &c.

Leyson Williams.

In Banco Regina.

RICHARD GASCOYNE, Of *Melingrythan*, near *Neath*, in the County of *Glamorgan*, Smelter, maketh Oath, That he, this Deponent, being informed, that one *Thomas Jones*, his fellow Workman, was, about twelve of the Clock in the Night, between the eighth and ninth Days of *May* last, taken out of his Bed, and kept in Custody by several Persons, Servants to *Thomas Mansell* of *Brittonferry* Esq; one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, in order to be Listed and sent away as a Soldier for Recruiting Her Majesty's Land-Forces; and being also informed, that about eleven of the Clock in the Morning of the said ninth Day of *May*, the said *Thomas Jones* was carried by the said Persons, with several other Work-men belonging to the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company of Mine Adventurers, or one of them, before Sir *Edward Mansell* of *Margam* Baronet, the said *Thomas Mansell* of *Brittonferry* Esq; and one *Thomas Popkins*

Popkins of the Forest Esq; Three of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, who held, as this Deponent understood, a Meeting the same Day for that purpose at *Neath* aforesaid, and being farther Informed, that Application was made that Day to the said Justices by Mr. *Thomas Hawkins*, Chief Agent to the said Company, for the said *Jones* and the other Work-mens Discharge, and that he, the said Mr. *Hawkins* could not obtain the same; but that for his Endeavour and Application made to the said Justices in that behalf, he, the said Mr. *Hawkins*, was ill treated; this Deponent and several other Work-men then at Work in the Work-house belonging to the said Company at *Mellingrythan* aforesaid, apprehending themselves to be in danger of being Prest, did run away from their said Work. This Deponent being then in a great Fright, as he believes others of the said Workmen that did so run away with this Deponent were also; and so he, and the said Workmen, that did so run away, left several Furnaces in the Work-house at *Mellingrythan* aforesaid, belonging to the said Company, to stand with Lead and Silver in them, and many of the said Work-men went away without their Cloaths; and particularly this Deponent, who ran away without his Shoes and Waistcoat, in his Shirt, and all the said Works were left in Confusion and at a stand, to the great Damage of the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company, as this Deponent doth verily believe; but how much the Damage did amount unto, this Deponent, cannot precisely set forth, but believes the same to be very considerable.

Richard Galeonne.

Jurat apud Neath in Com. Glamorgan decimo Tertio die Octobris 1705. *Coram me unum Comissionum Constit. in Cor. pred, in Com. pred. per formam Statut.* &c.

Leyson Willams.

In Banco Regine.

THOMAS HAWKINS, Of *Neath*, in the County of *Glamorgan*, Gentleman, maketh Oath, That he, this Deponent, on the ninth Day of *May* last, receiving Information that *Thomas Jones*, *Evanah Evan*, *Thomas John Griffith Evan*, and *Edward John William*, were apprehended and taken into Custody by *Watkin Reynold*, *Howell Thomas*, *William John*, *David Thomas*, and *John George*, Servants to *Thomas Mansell* of *Brittonferry* in the said County of *Glamorgan* Esq; one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, in order to be Listed and sent away as Soldiers in the Land-Forces, under the Command of Mr. *Mansell*, Grandson of Sir *Edward Mansell* of *Margam* in the said County Baronet, and that the said Sir *Edward Mansell*, *Thomas Mansell* of *Brittonferry* Esq; and *Thomas Popkins* Esq; Three of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, held a Meeting on the same Day for that purpose at *Neath* aforesaid; he, this Deponent then, and there attended the said Justices at their said Meeting, acquainted them he was Chief Agent and Manager of the Works of the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company of Mine-Adventurers in the Parish of *Neath* aforesaid; that the nature of their respective Works were such, as did require able Men, bred up and instructed by skilful Persons to carry on the same; that the said Persons so Arrested, were so Instructed, and were Covenant Servants bound to serve in the Works belonging to the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company, or one of them, for the term of one or more Years, and that the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company, could not use the Service of their said Workmen, without suffering

ſuffering a great Damage thereby, or words to that Effect, and having then produced in his Hand the Original Inſtruments by which the ſaid Men were bound to ſerve as aforeſaid, and deſired the ſaid Juſtices to take notice thereof; he, this Deponent did in all Dutiful and Reſpectful Manner, on the behalf of the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company, deſire, that the ſaid Perſons ſo Arreſted might be diſcharged and permitted quietly to follow their lawful Callings or Employments; but the ſaid Juſtices refuſed ſo to do; and the ſaid Sir *Edward Manſell* thruſt this Deponent, bid him hold his Tongue, and get out of the Room, or elſe he would lay this Deponent by the Heels, or words to that Effect; upon which ſevere Treatment this Deponent departed, and hearing afterwards, that the ſaid Perſons were ſtill detained and Liſted as Soldiers, contrary to the true intent and meaning of the late Act of Parliament for raiſing and levying of Soldiers for recruiting Her Majeſty's Land-Forces, and that many of the Work-men belonging to the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company, or one of them, who were under the like Covenants, were ran away in a Fright from their reſpective Works, to the great Damage of the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company; he, this Deponent did write and ſend a Letter to the ſaid Juſtices to acquaint them therewith, notwithſtanding which, the ſaid *Evan ap Evan*, *Thomas John Griffith Evan*, and *Edward John William*, have been ſent away in Cuſtody by the ſaid Juſtices, in order to ſerve as Soldiers under the ſaid Mr. *Manſell*, Grandſon to the ſaid Sir *Edward* as aforeſaid, as this Deponent hath heard and believes; and this Deponent doth verily believe, that the proceedings above-mentioned, were particularly carried on to prejudice the Works of the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company, or of one of them, for that the Workmen of the ſaid Works have been threatned by the ſaid *Thomas Manſell* of *Brittonferry*, and others his Dependants, as this Deponent hath been Credibly Informed; and for that there are other Works of the like Nature in that Neighbourhood belonging to other Perſons, whoſe Workmen, as this Deponent is Informed, and verily believes, were at the ſame time permitted to follow their Buſineſs without any Interruption or Diſturbance therein by the Perſons above-mentioned; and this Deponent ſaith, by Reaſon of the illegal Proceedings of the ſaid Juſtices and their Agents or Servants; a great number of the Workmen of the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company ran away from their Works, the Lead and Silver, in the Furnaces, were left unwrought, the Furnaces thereby Damnified, the Coal-works were ſtopt, ſeveral Ships lying in the River and waiting for Coals, or other Freight from the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, or the ſaid Company, were then diſappointed and delayed, and many other Loſſes and Inconveniences have happened to the great Damage of the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company, and their Cuſtomers and Workmen.

Tho. Hawkins.

Juratus apud Neath in Com. Glamorgan, decimo tertio die Octobris 1705. *Coram me.*

Leyſon Williams.

In Banco Reginæ.

MARTHA AMBROSE, Of the Pariſh of *Neath*, in the County of *Glamorgan*, maketh Oath, That ſhe, this Deponent, being Tenant to Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, and living near his Coal-works at *Neath*, entertained in her Houſe, as Lodgers, one *Evan ap Evan*, and *Tho. John*, who were Work-men and Servants to

to the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth* in his said Coal-works for almoſt three Years laſt paſt, during all which time, the ſaid *Evan ap Evan*, and the ſaid *Thomas John* behaved themſelves very ſoberly in her Family, being very Induſtrious in their ſaid Calling and Employment, and paid honeſtly for what they Bought: And this Deponent further ſaith, that about two of the Clock in the Morning, of the ninth Day of *May* laſt paſt, *Watkin Reynold*, *Howell Thomas*, *William John*, and *Hopkin David*, Servants to *Thomas Manſell* of *Brittonferry* in the ſaid County Eſq; and no Conſtables, did in a violent manner break open the Door of her Houſe, being then faſtned with a ſtrong Bar and Latched; without any Conſtable or Pariſh-Officer aſſiſting them, and did immediatly apprehend the ſaid *Evan ap Evan*, and *Thomas John*, who were then in Bed in her ſaid Houſe; and the ſaid *Evan ap Evan* and *Thomas John*, being ſo apprehended by the ſaid *Watkin Reynold*, *Howell Thomas*, *William John*, and *Hopkin David*, and taken into their Cuſtody, they the ſaid *Evan ap Evan*, and *Thomas John*, were about eleven of the Clock the ſame Day carried before Sir *Edward Manſell* of *Margam* Baronet, the ſaid *Thomas Manſell* of *Brittonferry* Eſq; and *Thomas Popkins* of the Foreſt Eſq; Three of Her Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, in order to be Liſted and ſent away as Soldiers under Captain *Manſell*, in Her Majeſty's Land-Forces. And this Deponent further ſaith, that the ſaid *Evan ap Evan* and *Thomas John*, were accordingly ſent away by the ſaid Juſtices, notwithſtanding Application was made to them in that behalf by Mr. *Thomas Hawkins* for their Diſcharge, as this Deponent hath been informed; and this Deponent believes, that the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* hath greatly ſuffered in his Coal-works, for want of the Service of the ſaid *Evan ap Evan* and *Thomas John*, with the reſt of the Workmen of the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, that were at the ſame time ſent away by the ſaid Juſtices, and this Deponent further ſaith, that ſome-time after, one *Jennet Manſell*, Wife to one *Rees Manſell*, who is an Agent to the ſaid *Thomas Manſell* of *Brittonferry* Eſq; came to this Deponent, telling this Deponent, that ſhe came from the ſaid Mr. *Manſell*, to acquaint her, in caſe ſhe could find out the ſaid *Evan ap Evan*, ſo as to bring him unto the ſaid Mr. *Manſell*, in order to releaſe the Actions by him Commenced againſt the ſaid Mr. *Manſell* with the other Juſtices and their Servants, ſhe ſhould have a Weeks time to do it with a Man and Horſe to attend her: And farther, that the ſaid Mr. *Manſell* would diſcharge the ſaid *Evan ap Evan* from the Queens Service, from under Her Majeſty's own Hand, and the ſaid Mr. *Manſell*'s; and that if this Deponent would leave the Houſe ſhe now lives in, under the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, he, the ſaid *Thomas Manſell* would ſettle this Deponent and the ſaid *Evan ap Evan*, if they would intermarry, in a Tenement under him, the ſaid Mr. *Manſell* during their Lives; further urging to this Deponent, how happily all live that are under the ſaid Mr. *Manſell*, or words to that Effect.

Martha Ambroſe.

Jurat apud Neath in Com. Glamorgan decimo quinto die Octobris anno Regni Anne Regna Ang. &c. quarto coram me unum Comiſſionem Conſtitut in Cur. pred. in Com. pred. &c. per formam Statut.

Leyſon Williams.

In

THOMAS JENKIN, Of *Neath*, in the County of *Glamorgan*, being concerned as an Agent under Sir *Humphry Mackworth* Knt. to take care of the Sale and Shipping of the Coal raiſed out of the Works of the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* at *Neath* aforeſaid, on board all ſuch Veſſels as ſhall come up to *Neath* Bank to carry away the ſame, maketh Oath, That on, or about, the tenth Day of *May* laſt, ſeveral Veſſels to the number of Six, or thereabouts, came up to load Coal at the ſaid Bank of *Neath* with the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth*; but by Reaſon that ſeveral of the Colliers and Work-men belonging to the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* in his ſaid Coal-works at *Neath*, were the Day before liſted and ſent away as Soldiers to ſerve under Captain *Manſell*, Grandſon to Sir *Edward Manſell* of *Margam* in the ſaid County Baronet, in Her Majeſties Land-Forces by the ſaid Sir *Edward Manſell*, *Thomas Manſell* of *Briſtonferry* in the ſaid County Eſq; and *Thomas Popkins* of the Foreſt Eſq. Three of Her Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County; all the reſt of the ſaid Work-men, to the number of Eighty Men and upwards, belonging to the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* in the ſaid Coal-work, ran away in a great Fright, and left the ſaid Work to ſtand; and this Deponent farther ſaith, that for want of the Service of the ſaid Work-men ſo preſt and abſconded, the Ship or Bark, called the *Turtle of Bridgwater*, *Thomas Boon* Maſter; after lying ſeveral Tides at the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth*'s Coal-Bank, was forced to go away empty, being diſappointed of her Freight, for want of thoſe Hands to raiſe the Coal, and Ship it on Board the ſaid Veſſel. And further ſaith, that not only the ſaid *Thomas Boon*, Maſter of the *Turtle*, but alſo the *Lion of Bridgwater*, *William Vaughan* Maſter, then in the River of *Neath*, coming up to load Coal with the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* as this Deponent was informed, alſo forced to go back without his Freight, and Sail away for *Tenby*, in the County of *Pembrook* for want of Coal to load the ſaid Veſſel, and for diſpatch of the other Veſſels then lying at the Bank, this Deponent was obliged to apply himſelf to one Mr. *Williams*, who had the Management of other Coal-works in that Neighborhood, for his Colliers to load the ſaid Veſſels; and notwithſtanding the ſaid Mr. *Williams*'s Aſſiſtance, and ready Accommodation, ſome of the ſaid Veſſels loſt their Spring, to the Maſters and Owners Damage. And this Deponent further ſaith, That by Reaſon of ſuch Proceedings of the ſaid Juſtices in Preſſing and ſending away ſome of the Colliers belonging to the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* as Soldiers in Her Majeſty's Land-Forces, the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* hath ſuffered very great Damage in his ſaid Coal-works, and other his Affairs in theſe parts, for that the ſaid Works have never been in order ſince as they were before that Day for want of Work-men to carry them on. And this Deponent verily believes, that the Proceedings of the ſaid Juſtices againſt the ſaid Work-men, were particularly carried on to prejudice the Works of the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, and to ſerve private Intereſt. The ſaid *Thomas Manſell* and *Thomas Popkins*, having ſeveral Coal-works of their own in the ſame Neighbourhood: And this Deponent further ſaith, that the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* having laid out and expended conſiderable Summs of Money to bring the ſaid Coal work to Perfection, which has been of late, and ſtill will be, as this Deponent verily believes, a conſiderable addition to Her Majeſty's Revenue, if carried on without Diſturbance.

Tho. Jenkin.

Jurat apud Neath in Com. Glamorgan decimo Tertio die Octobris, per formam Statut. coram me.

Leyſon Williams.

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In Banco Reginæ.

MORGAN JOHN, Of the Parish of *Neath*, in the County of *Glamorgan*, Yeoman, aged thirty five Years or thereabouts, maketh Oath; That on or about the ninth of *May* last, *Thomas Jones*, *Edward John*, *Evan ap Evan* and *Thomas John* were listed as Soldiers by Sir *Edw. Manſell* Bar. *Thomas Manſell* of *Britton-ferry* Eſq; and *Thomas Popkins* Eſq; Three of Her Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace of the ſaid County of *Glamorgan*, and the ſaid *Thomas Jones*, and others, being locked up in a Room, and *Margaret Thomas* and *Jane David* informing the Work-men, that they would all be preſſed, *Thomas Jenkins* bringing the News to the Works, that the ſaid Work-men were preſſed, and *Thomas Hawkins* threatned to be laid by the Heels, he, this Deponent, and the reſt of the Work-men ran away from their Work, and left the ſame in great Confuſion; and this Deponent ſaith, that he never knew or heard, that the ſaid *Thomas Hawkins*, or any other Agent of the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* or Company, directed the ſaid Work-men, or any of them, to run away from their Work; and this Deponent ſaith, that in the Furnace, where he was working at that time, there was twelve hundred pound weight of Lead Oar, from which they uſually had ſix hundred pound weight of Lead, or thereabouts: But the ſaid Oar being left in the Furnace unwrought, they were many Hours after their return to their Work before they could get it off from the bottom of the Furnace, and they could get no Lead from the ſame, by reaſon the Oar was ſet in the ſaid Furnace; and this Deponent further ſaith, that on the twenty ſixth Day of *May* laſt, the ſaid Sir *Edward Manſell*, and *Thomas Manſell*, with ſeveral others, had a meeting at the Houſe of one *David Praulfe* in *Neath* aforeſaid; and this Deponent was ſent for to appear before the ſaid Juſtices, which he accordingly did, where he was treated with Drink, and great many promiſes of Kindneſs were made to him; and particularly by one *William Broadber*, a Creature of the ſaid Juſtices, in caſe this Deponent would declare any thing in favour of the ſaid Juſtices Proceeding; and he was then and there examined as touching the abſconding of the ſaid Work-men, and the Damages the Company had ſuſtained thereby; to which this Deponent reply'd, he was not capable of computing the Damages the ſaid Company had ſuſtained in every reſpect, which he believed to be very conſiderable.

Morgan John.

Juratus apud Swanzey in Com. Glamorgan decimo tertio die Octobris 1705. *per formam Statut. Coram me.*

Leyſon Williams.

In Banco Reginæ.

WILLIAM DALTON, Of *Neath*, in the County of *Glamorgan*, Refiner, aged twenty eight Years or thereabouts, maketh Oath, That *Thomas Jones* and others, covenanted Servants to Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and the Company of Mine Adventurers, or one of them, were liſted in the Month of *May* laſt, by Sir *Edward Manſell*, *Thomas Manſell*, and *Thomas Popkins* Eſqs; Three of Her Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, to ſerve as Soldiers in the Land-Forces; and the News thereof being brought to the Work-houſe at *Mellingrythan*, (where this Deponent was employ'd) by *Thomas Jenkins*, who informed the ſaid Work-men, that the ſaid Sir *Edward* had not only preſſed the ſaid

Work-men, but threatned to lay Mr. *Thomas Hawkins*, Chief Agent to the Company, by the heels, or words to that effect, for desiring their Discharge, and said he would have more of the Company's Men; thereupon the said Work-men ran away from their Works: And this Deponent saith, that he did inquire amongst the said Work-men, whether the said Mr. *Hawkins*, or any other of the Agents of the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth* or Company had sent notice of the said Proceedings, or directed them to run away or shift for themselves; but he did not know or hear any such thing from any of them, or from any other Person whatsoever, and saith, that the Works of the said Company went prosperously forward till the said Disturbance of their Work-men as aforesaid, and believes that the Inhabitants of that Neighborhood receive great Advantage, by reason of the said Works.

William Dalton.

Jurat apud Neath in Com. Glamorgan decimo tertio die Octobris 1705. Coram me unum Comission. Constitut. per formam Statut. in Com. pred.

Leyson Williams.

In Banco Reginæ.

MICHAEL PARKER, Of the Parish of *Neath*, in the County of *Glamorgan*, Refiner, maketh Oath, That on or about One or two of the Clock in the Night, between the eighth and ninth days of *May* last past, *Watkin Reynold*, *Howell Thomas*, *William John*, *David Thomas*, and *John George*, Servants of *Thomas Mansell* Esq; One of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Glamorgan*, did apprehend and take into their Custody *Thomas Jones*, *David Morgan*, and *Edward John William*, at their Lodgings at *Mellingrythan*, near *Neath* in the said County of *Glamorgan*, and (as this Deponent was informed by the said *Tho. Jones*) did break or force open the Door of the House where the said *Thomas Jones* and *David Morgan* lay, and were then in Bed, or going to Bed, and the said *Watkin Reynold*, and *William John*, and *David Thomas*, did likewise the same Night apprehend and take into their Custody, *Evan ap Evan*, *Griffith Evan*, and *Thomas John*; all which was done without any Constable or shewing any Warrant to them, tho' they were desired so to do, notwithstanding they knew the said Persons so apprehended, or their Business, particularly instructed and covenanted Servants, and bound to serve Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and the Company of Mine Adventurers respectively in their Works in the said Parish of *Neath*, and were Men of good Life and Conversation; and this Deponent further saith, that he, and several other Workmen, being informed, that the said Persons so Apprehended, were about eleven of the Clock the said ninth Day of *May*, carried before Sir *Edward Mansell* of *Margam*, in the County of *Glamorgan* Bar. *Thomas Mansell* of *Brittonferry* Esq; and *Thomas Popkins* Esq; Three of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Glamorgan* at *Neath* aforesaid, and were by them committed into Custody, in order to serve as Soldiers in the Land-Forces under *Bussy Mansell* Esq; Grandson to the said Sir *Edward Mansell*, and that *Thomas Hawkins*, Chief Agent and Manager of the said Works for Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and the said Company, could not obtain their Discharge, tho' he did attend the said Justices and their Clerk, and acquainted them with the Matters above-mentioned, and produced the Original Contracts in this Cause, by which they were bound to serve as aforesaid; but

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was threatned by the said Justices, or some of them, to be laid by the Heels, and was thrust out of the Room, then this Deponent, and the other Work-men, thereupon, to the number of one hundred Persons and upwards, apprehending themselves to be in the same Danger, and not expecting any better usage from the said Justices, ran away in a great Fright from the said Works, and many of them from their Wives and Children, leaving the Lead and Silver in the Furnaces unwrought, their Cloaths behind them, and several Ships there waiting in the River were disappointed of their Freight, and all the said Works were left in Confusion to the great Damage of the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company; and this Deponent verily believes, that all this was done out of Envy and Malice to the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company, for that he hath formerly heard *William Harris*, and others Dependants and Followers of the said *Thomas Mansell* of *Brittonferry*, threaten to pull down the said Company and their Works, and drive their Men out of the Country, or Words to that Effect, and also for, that there are several other Works of the like Nature in that Neighbourhood, whose Work-men, tho' not bound to their Service, appeared as usual on their Occasions, and were not listed or any ways disturbed by the said Justices or their Order, in their Calling and Employment, as this Deponent hath been credibly informed and verily believes.

Mich. Parker.

Jurat apud Cardiffe in Com. Glamorgan decimo quarto die Augusti Anno Regni Reginæ Annæ Ang. &c. quarto Coram me unum Comsſion. in Cur. pred. in Com. pred. per formam Statut. &c.

William Morgan.

In Banco Reginæ.

DAVID MORGAN, Of the Parish of *Michaelston*, in the County of *Glamorgan*, maketh Oath, That he, this Deponent has been hired for above a Year past, and is for twelve Years yet to come also, hired in the Service of Sir *Humphry Mackworth* Knt. and of the Governor and Company of Mine-Adventurers of *England* as a Smelter, Laborer and Collier in their Works near *Neath*, and being in Bed with one *Thomas Jones* his Fellow-work-man, in the House of one *William Mathew* in *Mellingrythan-Village* in the said County, did about two of the Clock in the Night, between the eighth and ninth days of *May* last, hear a noise at the Door of the said House, and resorting towards the said Door, heard one *Watkin Reynold* threaten to break down the said Door, which immediately was forced open by the said *Watkin Reynold*, *Howell Thomas*, *William John*, *David Thomas*, and *Hopkin David*, Servants to *Thomas Mansell* of *Brittonferry* Esq; One of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, without any Constable or Parish Officer assisting them: And this Deponent further saith, That the Door being so broken open, the said *Watkin Reynold*, *Howell Thomas*, *William John*, *David Thomas*, and *Hopkin David*, did then immediately take this Deponent and the said *Jones* into their Custody, and brought them to the House of one *Rees Mansell* in *Mellingrythan* aforesaid, where he, this Deponent, the said *Thomas Jones*, one *Edward John William* and *David John Bevan* two more of the Workmen belonging to the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company, or one of them, were by the said *Watkin Reynold*, *Howell Thomas*, *William John*, *David Thomas*, and *Hopkin David*, committed to the Custody of *John George*, another of the Servants belonging to the said *Thomas Mansell*, and kept under close Confinement till the next Day, without shewing any Authority for their so doing, tho' desired by this Deponent so to do; and this Deponent further saith, that he, and the rest of the Work-men, then at Work, being informed that the said *Thomas Jones*, and *Edward John William*, with several other Work-men belonging

to the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company, or one of them, were about eleaven of the Clock on the said ninth Day of *May* carried before Sir *Edward Mansell* of *Margam*, in the County of *Glamorgan* Bar. the said *Thomas Mansell* and *Tho. Popkins* Esqs; Three of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County at *Neath* aforesaid, and were, by them, committed into Custody, in order to serve as Soldiers in the Land-Forces under Captain *Mansell*, Grandson to the said Sir *Edward*; and that Mr. *Thomas Hawkins*, Chief Agent to the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and the said Company, could not obtain their Discharge, tho' he attended the said Justices on their behalf, but was very ill treated himself, and threatned to be lay'd by the Heels. This Deponent, and the other Work-men thereupon, to a great number, apprehending themselves to be in Danger, ran away in a great Fright from the said Works to the Woods and Mountains for safety, and thro' fear absconded themselves for some time, whereby the said Works were all at a stand, to the great Damage of the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and the said Company.

David Morgan.

Jurat apud Cardiff in Com. Glamorgan tricesimo die Junii anno Regni Reginæ Annæ Ang. &c. quarto, Coram me unum Comission. in Cur. pred. in Com. pred. per formam Statut. &c.

William Morgan.

In Banco Reginæ.

RICHARD THOMAS Of *Neath*, in the County of *Glamorgan* Gent. maketh Oath, That *Thomas Boon*, Master of the *Turtle of Bridgwater*, did declare to this Deponent, that he came to *Neath* Bank to load Coals from Sir *Humphry Mackworth*'s Works about the ninth of *May* last, and that *Evan ap Evan*, *Edward John*, and other Work-men of Sir *Humphry Mackworth*'s, being at that time listed as Soldiers by Sir *Edward Mansell*, *Thomas Mansell* of *Brittonferry* Esq; and *Thomas Popkins* Esq; Justices of the Peace for the said County; the rest of the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth*'s Work-men were so terrified, that they durst not appear to load the said Vessel, and thereupon he was disappointed of his Freight, and went to the Abby Coal-works and loaded there: And this Deponent further saith, that he knows the way commonly called the Waggon-way between *Neath* and *Aberavon*, that the same was formerly a Pool of Dirt and Water, and about eight or nine Years ago made a good and firm way by Sir *Humphry Mackworth* for all sort of Carriage, and so continued till about the eighth day of *September* last, at which time, and several times since, the said way was broke up by *John Morgan* and others, by the direction of *Leison Hopkin of Lantwitt juxta Neath* in the said County Gent. *Gabriel Powell of Swanzey* in the said County Gent. and *William Phillips of Langunnor* in the County of *Carmarthen* Gent. Agents of Sir *Edward Mansell*, and of *Thomas Mansell of Brittonferry* Esq; which he believes to be done out of Malice, and to prejudice the Coal-works of the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth*; and that the said way was the best spot of Ground, in his Judgment, for heavy Carriage, between *Neath* and *Cardiffe*. And this Deponent further saith, That the Work-men belonging to the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company of Mine Adventurers, are Men of good Fame and Reputation, and believes none of them came from *Newgate* or any other Goals, nor have been, or are likely, to be chargeable to the Parish: That thirty Pounds *per Annum* is

is allowed by the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company of Mine Adventurers to Mr. *William Williams* School-Maſter, to inſtruct the Children of the ſaid Work-men in their Catechiſm, and in Reading, Writing, and caſting Accounts; that the Inhabitants of the ſaid Town of *Neath* and Country thereabouts, receive great Advantage by the Works of the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and the ſaid Company; and that the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* doth drive all his Coal out of the Coal-works by Waggons, and not with Wheel-barrows, and that *Evan ap Evan*, *Griffith Evan*, *Edward John*, and *Thomas John*, as this Deponent hath been informed, and verily believes, were Waggoners and covenanted Servants to the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, and were upon the ninth day of *May* laſt, liſted to ſerve as Soldiers in Her Majeſty's Land-Forces by Sir *Edward Manſell*, *Thomas Manſell* of *Brittonferry* Eſq; and *Thomas Popkins* Eſq; Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Glamorgan*, notwithſtanding the ſaid Juſtices were then informed (as this Deponent hath heard and believes) that they were covenanted Servants to the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, and that the Liſting of them would be a great Damage to the Coal-works of the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth*. And this Deponent further ſaith, that he ſaw *Griffith Bowen*, *William John*, and *John Morgan*, on the fifth day of *September* laſt, make a forcible entry on the Free Lands of the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* in the ſaid Pariſh of *Neath*, and by force of Arms brake down the Gate and Stone-Wall on the ſaid Freehold-Lands, and take away his Coal by the Direction and Order of the ſaid *Leyſon Hopkin* and *William Phillips*.

Richard Thomas.

Jurat apud Neath in Com. Glamorgan decimo tertio die Octobris Anno Regni Annæ Reginæ Ang. &c. quarto coram me unum Comiſſion. Conſtitut. in Cur. pred. in Com. pred. per formam Statut. &c.

Leyſon Williams.

Dated at *Neath* 10th *May* 1705.

To the Moſt Noble Thomas Duke of Leeds, Governor: *The Honorable Sir* Humphry Mackworth Deputy Governor; *And to the reſt of the Honorable Court of Directors for the management of the* Mines *belonging to the Governor and Company of* Mine Adventurers of England.

Moſt Humbly ſheweth,

THAT We, your poor Work-men and covenanted Servants, to ſerve your Honors for fourteen Years within your Copper-Houſe, Lead, and Silver Mills, in the Pariſh of *Neath*, in the County of *Glamorgan*; do humbly Certifie, That on the 8th day of this inſtant *May*, about one of the Clock at Night, one *Watkin Reynold*, *Howell Thomas*, *William John*, *David Thomas*, and *John George*, Servants to *Thomas Manſell* Eſq; under pretence of a Warrant to preſs Men, for the Service of Her Majeſty's Land-Forces, from under the Hands and Seals of the ſaid *Thomas Manſell*, *William Dawkins*, and *Thomas Popkins* Eſqs; Three of Her Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County; did break open the Door of the Houſe belonging to one *William Mathews* near the ſaid Work-houſe, where *Thomas Jones* and ſome other of the Work-men belonging to the ſaid Company Lodged, and finding the ſaid *Thomas Jones* in Bed, lately come from his Furnace, where he had been at Work for twelve Hours, took the ſaid *Jones* away by force, telling him, that they preſſed him to ſerve the Queen; and notwithſtanding they were informed that he was a Smelter under your Honors,

nors, and a covenant Servant for fourteen Years, and security offered by your Honors Officers for his Appearance before the said Justices, was violently carried away by the said *Watkin Reynold*, *Howell Thomas*, *William John*, *David Thomas*, and *John George*, giving out that they do but now begin, and that they did it by the Order and Direction of the said Justices, and that more of your Honors Work-men, being Strangers in the Country, and many of them above two hundred Miles from Home, were fitted to be sent away to serve Her Majesty in the Wars abroad without any Favour or Countenance, which would accordingly be done; and having been several times disturbed before with the like Threats and Uproar amongst us, as being Servants to your Honors, were all obliged, to the number of above fifty Work-men, to shift for our selves, and leave the Works, the Lead, Red-Lead, and Silver Furnaces then at Work, were left to stand, and to flee to places in the Mountains and else-where for safe-guard, and leave our Wives and Families, to our great Grief, and to the unknown prejudice of your Honors and your Partners, and are all still obliged to abscond and hide our selves from such Oppressions; and understanding that Mr. *Thomas Hawkins*, Agent to your Honors over us, was threatned to be laid by the Heels by Sir *Edward Mansell* Bar. another of the Justices in appearing on our behalfs, do conceive, there is little Quarter and Favour to be expected by us.

May it therefore please your Honors to take into Consideration, that many of us having Families to maintain, being many Miles from our own Homes, and bound to your Honors for fourteen Years Service, great part of which term is unexpired, by Reason whereof can have no Employ in other Countries whereby to subsist; That your Honors will commiserate our Conditions, and either discharge us from our Bonds and your Service, that we may go to our own Homes or other Countries for Refuge and Employment more favourable then this to Strangers; or that your Honors will take such speedy Course as shall seem Meet to rectifie these our great Grievances, and that we may be all protected for the future from such Insults, and that we may continue and follow our Work in the Service of your Honors and Honourable Company without Disturbance.

And your Honors Petitioners shall ever Pray, &c.

Thomas Williams, } Clerks.
Robert Roystons, }
Michael Parker.
William Fieldhouse.
William Dalton.
Thomas Forrest.
Richard Nelmes.
Samuel Shelton.
Edward Symon.
Richard Channeving.
Matthew Powell.
Richard Gascoyne.
Nicholas David Mathew.
Richard David Mathew.
Thomas David Mathew.
Morgan John.
John Tuton.
William Lawrence.
David John Bevan.
Benjamin Mathew.
William John Jenkin.
John David.
Jenkin Thomas.
Evan William.
Philip John.
Robert Evan.
David William.
Hopkin Thomas.
Francis John.
Hopkin Bowen.
Thomas Jones.
Eynon Evan.
Morgan Evan.
David Morgan.
Lewis Evan.
Hopkin Evan.
Leyson Hopkin.
Lewis Thomas David.
Jenkin David.
Rees Prichard.
Evan John. } Coopers.
Ben. John. }
Gilles Watkins.
Nicholas David.
Evan David.
Thomas Wright.

To

To the Honorable Sir Humphry Mackworth, Knt.

Humbly Sheweth,

THAT We, *William Williams*, *Thomas Jenkins*, *John Benbow*, *William Morris*, *Francis Benbow*, *James Walton*, and *Thomas Benbow*, Stewards, Servants, and Work-men to your Honor, on the behalf of our selves and the rest of your poor Colliers and Work-men, to the number of above ninety Men employ'd in your Coal works, and other your Works within the Town and Parish of *Neath*, in the County of *Glamorgan*; Do humbly Certifie, that on the ninth day of this instant *May*, about four of the Clock in the Morning, one *Watkin Reynolds*, *Howell Thomas*, *William John*, *David Thomas*, and *John George*, Servants to *Thomas Mansell* Esq; under pretence of a Warrant to press Men for the Service of Her Majesty's Land-Forces, from under the Hands and Seals of the said *Thomas Mansell*, *William Dawkins*, and *Thomas Popkins* Esqs. Three of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, did come to the Coal-works belonging to your Honour, and impress *Evan ap Evan*, *Griffith Evan*, *Edward John William*, *Thomas John*, *John ap Evan*, *Lewis David*, *Evan Lewis*, and several others of the Work-men and covenanted Servants to your Honor for a considerable time past as well as to come, which said *Evan ap Evan*, *Griffith Evan*, *Edward John William*, and *Thomas John*, being brought before the said Justices, were by them sent away without any Favour or Countenance; the rest having absconded, notwithstanding Intercession was made to the said Justices on their behalf, by Mr. *Thomas Hawkins* and Mr. *William Williams*, your Honors Chief Agents, withal, acquainting the said Justices, that they were covenanted Servants to your Honor: And that this Disturbance amongst your Honors Work-men and Colliers, will be of very ill Consequence to so great Undertaking; for which the said *Thomas Hawkins* was thrust out by the Shoulders, and threatned to be laid by the Heels. And the said *Watkin Reynolds*, and his Confederates, giving out in Threats, that they wanted more of your Honors Men, to the number of above Thirty, with such Expressions from the Justices, that they were all Vagabonds and Runnagates, and should be all sent away without Regard; by which Tyrannous Proceedings and great Oppressions over your Honor's Men above all other Work-men in the Country, none else being disturbed: Your Works are all at a stand; the Doors of the Coal-pits locked up, and a Watch Night and Day kept, for fear of being pulled down, as it has been threatned. Your Workmen all force to flie to places unknown for Shelter, and almost ready to suffer for want of Provision, not daring to appear for it, nor having any, unless privately brought by some Friends; by Virtue whereof your Honors Trade is going to Decay, several Vessels from your constant Customers and other Beginners, daily coming up the River to load your Honors Coal, are forced to return without a supply, to your unknown Damage, and our great Sufference; several Families of your poor Work-men being ready to Starve for want of safety to come to their Work again.

May it therefore please you to take into Consideration these our great Grievances, and in consideration of our Conditions to procure some speedy Remedy herein, as to your Honor shall seem Meet for our Protections, that we may with safety return to our Work without Disturbance, otherwise we shall be compell'd to quit your Service, to our great Griefs, and contrary to our Inclinations.

And your Petitioners and Servants, as in Duty Bound, shall ever Pray

William Williams. *William Morris.* *James Walton.*
Thomas Williams. *Francis Benbow.* *Thomas Benbow.*
John Benbow.

Whereas

WHEREAS a Hall day was appointed to be held this preſent twenty firſt day of *Auguſt* 1705, at the Town-Hall of *Neath*, in the County of *Glamorgan*, before *John Davies* Gent. Portreeve of the ſaid Town and Borrough of *Neath*, in order to conſult together for promoting the Peace and Welfare of the ſaid Corporation. Theſe are to Certifie, that by Reaſon of a forcible Entry and a Riot, committed about nine of the Clock this Morning, by the Servants of *Thomas Manſell of Brittonfery* Eſq; within the Pariſh of *Neath* aforeſaid, upon the Eſtate of Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, Conſtable of the Caſtle of the ſaid Town; and the Proceedings thereupon, had by Sir *Edw. Manſell* Bar. and by Reaſon of divers Threats, providing of Guns, and for other good Cauſes: The ſaid Portreeve, and the greater number of the ſaid Burgeſſes did conceive, they had juſt Cauſe to believe that there could be no good Iſſue of any meeting this Day; and therefore notice was given, that the ſame meeting was put off till farther Summons; after which, ſeveral Guns were diſcharged in the open Streets, and Church-yard, by *William Charles*, *Hopkin Evan*, *William Thomas*, and *John Bowden*, Perſons of no good Fame and Reputation: And alſo ſeveral Guns were diſcharged, commonly called Chambers, which were brought early this Morning from the Veſſel or Ship of *Leyſon Hopkin*, Chief Agent of the ſaid *Thomas Manſell*; which method of proceeding at the time of ſuch Meetings hath not been uſual in the ſaid Burrough: And we do verily believe, that in caſe any meeting had been held this Day ſome Miſchief would have been committed by the ſaid Perſons above mentioned, and we are humbly of Opinion, that it will be of no purpoſe to have any Hall-day, or meeting of the ſaid Burgeſſes, until the preſent Differences and Law-Suits amongſt the Burgeſſes ſhall be compoſed and adjuſted by due Courſe of Law.

John Davies Portreeve.
Leyſon Williams Recorder.

Howell Powell
Leyſon Hopkin Ald.
Jenkin Thomas Ald.
Richard Thomas Ald.
Richard Jones Ald.
Thomas Jenkin Ald.
John Lewellin Ald.
Evan Myrick.
Evan John.
Hopkin Evan.
William John.
Hopkin Rowland
John Hugh.
Thomas Mann.
Evan John Watkin.
William Evan Serj.
John Owen.
Rees Morgan Serj.

Thomas Lewis.
Rees Leonard.
William Morris.
Richard Rees.
Thomas Williams.
Francis Benbow.
William Fieldhouſe.
Michael Parker.
Richard Mannering.
John White.
Thomas Browne.
Richard Nelmes.
Richard Gaſcoyne.
Mathew Powell.
John Benbow.
Philip Gregory.
Evan George.

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In Banco Reginæ.

WILLIAM DALTON, Of the Parish of *Neath*, in the County of *Glamorgan*, Refiner, maketh Oath, That he, this Deponent, being informed of the Proceedings of the ninth day of *May* last, by Sir *Edward Manſell of Margam* Bar. *Thomas Manſell of Brittonferry*, *Thomas Popkins* of the Foreſt Eſqs; Three of Her Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, againſt ſome of his Fellow-work-men belonging to Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company of Mine-Adventurers of *England* in their Works at *Mellingrythan* near *Neath*, in order to ſend them away as Soldiers in Her Majeſty's Land-Forces, under the Command of Captain *Manſell*, Grandſon to the ſaid Sir *Edward Manſell*; and apprehending himſelf to be in like Danger, and ſeeing the reſt of his Fellow-workmen ran away in great Fright from their Work, he, this Deponent, did endeavour to ſecure himſelf by leaving the ſaid Works, by which means the Furnaces then at Work, were left to ſtand, and all the ſaid Work in Confuſion, to the great Damage of the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company, as this Deponent verily believes: And this Deponent further ſaith, that he believes, that the proceedings of the ſaid Juſtices againſt the Work-men of the ſaid Company, were particularly carried on to prejudice the ſaid Works; for that he, this Deponent, hath heard one *William Harries*, Servant or Dependant of the ſaid Mr. *Thomas Manſell of Brittonferry*, calling the ſaid Work-men Scounderels, and ſaying, that their Maſter was no better, and that in a ſhort time the ſaid Work-houſe ſhoud be pulled down, or words to that Effect.

Wm. Dalton.

Jurat apud Neath in Com. Glamorgan' decimo tertio die Octobris anno Regni Reginæ Annæ Ang. &c. quarto Coram me unum Comiſſion. Conſtit. formam Statut, &c. in Com. pred.

Leyſon Williams.

In Banco Reginæ.

WILLIAM MORRIS, Late of the Town of *Carmarthen*, maketh Oath, That he, this Deponent, being Aſſiſtant to Mr. *Thomas Hawkins* in the Service of Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, and of the Governor and Company of Mine-Adventurers of *England*; was deſired by the ſaid Mr. *Hawkins* to wait upon Sir *Edward Manſell of Margam*, in the County of *Glamorgan* Bar. with ſeveral Writs and Subpena's out of Her Majeſty's Court of Exchequer to ſerve the ſaid Sir *Edward Manſell* therewith, at the Suits of *John Davies* Gent. and others, Work-men to the ſaid Company; whereupon this Deponent did upon the twenty third day of *June* Inſtant, repair towards *Margam-Houſe*, being the Dwelling of the ſaid Sir *Edward Manſell*; and being arrived near the ſaid Houſe, and asking for the ſaid Sir *Edward Manſell*, was informed that the ſaid Sir *Edward Manſell* was at his Smith-Shop hard by; and this Deponent reſorting towards the ſaid Shop, met one *Stephen Howard*, Chief Agent or Steward of the ſaid Sir *Edward Manſell's*, who lives in the ſaid Sir *Edward Manſell's* Family; and this Deponent enquiring of the ſaid Mr. *Howard* for the ſaid Sir *Edward*, the ſaid Mr. *Howard* demanded of this Deponent what Buſineſs he had with the ſaid Sir *Edward*, to which this Deponent made anſwer, that he had buſineſs to ſpeak with him; and this Depo-

nent perceiving the ſaid Mr. *Howard* unwilling to admit or direct this Deponent where to have acceſs to the ſaid Sir *Edw. Manſell*, this Deponent returned to his Inn at *Margam* aforeſaid, whether the ſaid *Howard* followed him, this Deponent further asking this Deponent, what his Buſineſs was, and telling this Deponent, that he and one *Meredith Griffith* Groom to the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, who went with this Deponent, looked like Rogues, and that he ſuſpected and believed they were come to rob his Maſter's Houſe, and that he had ſent for a Conſtable, that ſhould ſoon ſecure them: And this Deponent further ſaith, that they finding it no ways poſſible to come at the ſaid Sir *Edward Manſell*, he, this Deponent, and the ſaid *Meredith Griffith* thereupon, took their Horſes in order to return home; but as they were mounting, the ſaid Mr. *Howard* brandiſhing his Staff in an angry manner, and threatned this Deponent and the ſaid *Meredith Griffith*, calling them Rogues, ſaid that he had ſent for a Conſtable that ſhould ſecure them; and ſoon after one *Thomas Williams*, Conſtable of the Pariſh of *Margam* as he owned himſelf; who being affirmed to be ſo, and aſſiſted by *John Weſtly*, Keeper to the ſaid Sir *Edw. Manſell*, rod after with great ſpeed and over-took this Deponent and the ſaid *Meredith Griffith* about a Mile off as they were in their way home; and the ſaid Conſtable did apprehend this Deponent and the ſaid *Griffith*, telling them, that they muſt go along with him, being a Conſtable, whereupon this Deponent demanded his Warrant of Authority for ſo doing, but the ſaid Conſtable ſaid, he had none, but was ordered to ſecure this Deponent and the ſaid *Griffith* by his Maſter's Steward, (meaning the ſaid *Howard*) and this Deponent further asking the ſaid Conſtable, how his Maſter's Steward came to give ſuch Orders, the ſaid Conſtable replied, that his Maſter (meaning the ſaid Sir *Edw. Manſell*) had ordered the ſame, whereupon this Deponent and the ſaid *Meredith Griffith* were brought back to *Margam*, to their former Inn, where the ſaid Mr. *Howard* was, and he behaved himſelf with great Fury and Anger towards this Deponent and the ſaid *Griffith*, telling them that they were Rogues, and ſhould, or ought, to be tied by the Neck and Heels, and ſent to *Cardiffe*, where Her Majeſty's Goal for the ſaid County of *Glamorgan* is kept: This Deponent and the ſaid *Griffith*, not any ways contradicting the ſaid Mr. *Howard*, again demanded their Buſineſs, and a Certificate of what and who they were; to which this Deponent anſwered, (not doubting but that the ſaid *Howard* knew them before) that he, this Deponent, was an Agent under the Company of Mine-Adventurers of *England*, and Sir *Humphry Mackworth* Knt. and that the ſaid *Meredith Griffith* was Groom to the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth*; and this Deponent deſiring to know the ſaid Sir *Edward Manſell*'s Pleaſure with them, and the reaſon of their being ſo brought back and kept in Cuſtody by the ſaid Conſtable: The ſaid Mr. *Howard* took upon him to go and know his ſaid Maſter's Pleaſure and Reaſons therein, and ſtay'd about two Hours on that Pretence; during which interval or ſtay, the ſaid Conſtable demanded a Certificate as before, telling this Deponent and the ſaid *Griffith*, that he muſt ſearch them, whereupon this Deponent ſaid, he had Subpena's for the ſaid Sir *Edward Manſell*, which was his Buſineſs, and demanded of the ſaid Conſtable his Warrant for ſo doing; the ſaid Conſtable produced a Warrant under Seal with the ſaid Sir *Edward Manſell*'s name thereunto; which ſaid Warrant, directed the taking up and apprehending of all idle and ſuſpected Perſons, or to that Effect, without regard to this Deponent or the ſaid *Griffith*, thereupon this Deponent inſiſted, that the ſaid Conſtable had no Authority, by virtue thereof, to ſearch them, yet the ſaid Conſtable did ſearch them, this Deponent and the ſaid *Griffith* making no Reſiſtance; after which, the ſaid Conſtable went out of the room, and ſoon after returned again, telling this Deponent and the ſaid *Griffith*, that he muſt again ſearch them, but this Deponent refuſed, being ſearched before by the ſaid Conſtable;

Conſtable; the ſaid Mr. *Howard*, thereupon came into the room where they were, and required the aſſiſtance of others to have this Deponent ſearched again, upon which one *Jenkin Arthur*, Servant to the ſaid Sir *Edward Manſell*, as this Deponent is informed and believes, ſtruck the ſaid *Meredith Griffith* about the Head, and alſo came violently and took this Deponent by the Throat, and with the aſſiſtance of the ſaid Conſtable, violently caſt this Deponent on the hard Floor upon his Back, whereby this Deponent received Hurt; and having this Deponent down upon the Floor, uſed ſeveral Threats if he reſiſted, and kept him under them until they had taken what they ſaw fit out of this Deponent's Pockets: All which was done by the direction and in the preſence of the ſaid *Stephen Howard*, who is a Sworn Attorney at Law, and who peruſed all the ſaid Papers and Writings, that were then in the cuſtody of this Deponent.

William Morris.

Juratus apud Cardiffe in Com. Glamorgan Tercioſimo die Junii per formam Statut. Coram me.

William Morgan.

WE the *Portreeve*, *Aldermen* and *Burgeſſes* of the Town and Burrough of *Neath*, in the County of *Glamorgan*, do humbly Certifie, that the Weſt part of *England* is chiefly ſupplied with Coal from *Neath* and other places in the County of *Glamorgan*: That the Coal Trade doth much enrich that part of the County, not only with reſpect to the Shipping and Sea-men coming for Coal; but alſo with reſpect to the conveniency thereby of vending ſeveral other Commodities of that County, to the great Advantages of the Inhabitants. That the Coal Trade had been almoſt totally loſt at *Neath*, during the ſpace of Thirty Years and upwards, for want of carrying on Coal-works there, until Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, in the Year 1695, adventured great Summs of Money in finding and recovering the Coal in that Neighbourhood, ſince which time, the Inhabitants of the Town of *Neath*, who were grown very poor for want of Trade, are now become one of the beſt Towns for Trade in *South-Wales*. The conveniency of Coal hath occaſioned the building of great Work-houſes by Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, at the expence of many thouſands of Pounds for ſmelting of Lead and Copper Oar, for extracting Silver out of Lead, and for making Litharge and Red-Lead for the uſe of the Mine-Adventurers. That theſe Coal-works and Work-houſes do employ great numbers of Men, Women and Children, to whom ſeveral thouſands of Pounds are paid every Year, which circulates in that Neighbourhood; and other Trades are thereby encreaſed, the Market much improved, the Country receiving ready Money for their Proviſions: That theſe Coal-works do lie under the Common-Lands belonging to the Town of *Neath*, and were in ancient Time wrought by the Burgeſſes, each Burgeſs ſinking a Pit for himſelf, till at laſt they came to croſs one anothers Works, which cauſed a great Difference and ſeveral Law-Suits; and then they agreed to grant a Leaſe for twenty one Years of the ſaid Coal-works to *David Evans of Neath* Eſq; a Member of the ſaid Burrough, yielding the ſaid Burgeſſes ſufficient Coal for their neceſſary Firing in their own Houſes in *Neath*, at the rate of two Pence *per* each Barrow of Coal, and alſo a Rent or Duty of one Shilling to the ſaid Town for each Weigh of Coal ſold to Sea: That the Burgeſſes finding the Advantages of the ſaid Leaſe, renewed the ſame to *Edward Evans* Eſq; Eldeſt Son to the ſaid *David Evans*, and after the Expiration thereof, granted another Leaſe to *Frances*, the Relect of the ſaid *Edward*, and afterwards granted another Leaſe to Sir *Herbert Evans*, which

came to *Mary Evans*, Daughter and Heir of the ſaid Sir *Herbert*, and late Wife of the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth*: During the ſaid laſt mentioned Leaſe, the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* being deſirous to promote the good of the ſaid Town of *Neath*, gave liberty to the Burgeſſes to endeavour the recovering of Coal in that Liberty, for their own Uſe, which they attempted at ſome Expence; but failing of Succeſs, all the Burgeſſes in *September* 1697, did unanimouſly agree to grant a New Leaſe thereof to the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, for the Term of thirty one Years, whereof about twenty three Years are yet unexpired. Sir *Humphry Mackworth* attempted the recovery of the ſaid Coal-works by the aſſiſtance of the Colliers of that Neighbourhood; but failing of Succeſs, whereupon he Travelled into other Countries to find Skilful Work-men or Miners to aſſiſt him therein, and after great Expences, and by carrying on a Level and Wind-way, commonly called a Foot-rid or Waggon-way, after the manner uſed in *Shrop-ſhire* and *New-Caſtle*; he recovered the ſaid Coal-works, and at great Expences continued the ſaid Waggon-way on Wooden Rails from the face of each Wall, of Coal twelve hundred Yards under Ground quite down to the Water-ſide, about three quarters of a Mile from the Mouth of the Coal-pit; the ſaid Coal-works without the conveniency of this Foot-rid and Waggon-way, could not be carried on to any Profit; but by means thereof, great quantities are brought forth and ſold to Sea, whereby Her Majeſty and the Publick received *Annually* on the Duty for theſe Coals, the Summ of one thouſand five hundred Pounds, or thereabouts. Since the recovery of theſe Works ſeveral attempts have been made by evil diſpoſed Perſons concerned in other Coal-works, to ruine and deſtroy the Works and the Trade to them, which was firſt endeavoured by ſending Agents to *Bridgwater*, and other Ports, to diſparage the Coal and the Port of *Neath*, and diſcourage Merchants and Maſters of Veſſels from coming or Trading there; ſometimes giving out, that the Coal was not good, and other-times, that the Works were diſcontinued, or elſe, that the ſame would in a ſhort time be deſtroyed. Theſe Reports being detected, other Attempts were made by threatning the Sea-men, that came to theſe Works, and encouraging ſuch Sea-men as Trade to other Works. Theſe Attempts alſo failing, endeavours were uſed to draw away the Chief Work men and Artiſts concern'd in the carrying on of the ſaid Works; but not ſucceeding therein, ſeveral Work-men, who by long continuance, were become Skilful in bringing forth Coal in the ſaid Waggons under Ground, each Waggon containing about eighteen hundred Weight, and thruſt forth by two Men, were at Midnight, between the eighth and ninth days of *May* laſt, ſeized upon by the Servants of *Thomas Manſell* Eſq, without any Conſtable or Pariſh-Officers, the Houſes where they Lodged broke open, and the Men afterwards liſted by Sir *Edward Manſell*, *Thomas Manſell* Eſq; and *Thomas Popkins* Eſq; Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Glamorgan*, to ſerve as Soldiers in Her Majeſty's Land-Forces, notwithſtanding the ſaid Juſtices were fully inform'd, that the ſaid Work-men were bound to ſerve the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* in Smelting, Refining, and working of Coal for a term of one or more Years; that they were Men of a lawful Calling and Employment, and of good Fame and Reputation, moſt of them having ſerved ſeveral Years in the ſame Employment. And we do further humbly Certifie, that the Work-men of the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company, do get ſo good Wages, and are ſo well Paid, that they, nor any of them, never have been, nor are likely to be chargeable to the Town or Pariſh of *Neath*, and that of the Poors Rate, the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Tenants do pay about two Thirds, and the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and Company do now allow thirty Pounds *per Annum* to Mr. *William Williams* School-maſter to educate and inſtruct the Children of the ſaid Work-men in Reading, Writing, and Caſting Accounts. And we further

Certifie,

Certifie, that the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* doth not bring out his Coal in Wheel-barrows, but in Waggons, which requires great Skill as well as Labour, to keep the Waggons upon the Railes under Ground. And we humbly Certifie, that for all theſe Reaſons, we never deſired the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* to give Bond to ſave the Pariſh harmleſs, nor never heard that he promiſed to give his Bond for that purpoſe; nor that any of his Work-men came from *Newgate* or other Goales, which we believe to be a falſe and ſcandalous Report. And we humbly Certifie, that there were ſeveral idle Perſons in the ſaid Town without any lawful Calling or Employment; as for inſtance, *Charles Evans*, a Perſon turned out of the Works of the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* for his idleneſs and wicked Life: And who at the time of the ſaid Preſs had ſo abuſed his own Mother, that ſhe deſired the ſaid Juſtices, that they would Liſt him as a Soldier, but they refuſed ſo to do, becauſe he was the Son of a Friend, or words to that Effect; *John Morgan*, a Perſon of no lawful Calling or Employment, and often preſented in the Leet for a common diſturber of the Peace, and now ſtands indicted of Fellony, and accuſed of divers other Crimes, did at that time frequently appear before the ſaid Juſtices and was not liſted by them. And *Jacob Bowden* and ſeveral others of the ſaid Town of *Neath*, who have no viſible means of Livelihood, nor any lawful Calling and Employment, were executed by the ſaid Juſtices, and altho' there are ſeveral other Works in that Neighbourhood carried on by Strangers as well as Inhabitants; Not one Man belonging to any of the ſaid Works was liſted or diſturbed; and we do verily believe, that the Men belonging to Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and the Company of Mine-Adventurers were ſo preſſed, and the ſaid Waggon-way broaken up and ſpoiled, purely out of Malice, and to ruine the Coal works of the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, and to carry the Trade to the Coal-works of the ſaid *Thomas Manſell of Britton ferry*, and *Thomas Popkins* Eſq; And the rather for, that the ſaid Waggon-way hath been quietly enjoyed for eight Years and upwards, by the Approbation of the ſaid Juſtices, and of the ſeveral Surveyours of the High-ways, and never interrupted until the eighth of *September* laſt, and we do verily believe, that it is the beſt ſpot of Ground for heavy Carriages in Winter time between *Neath* and *Cardiffe*; In Witneſs whereof, we cauſed to be hereunto affixed the common Seal of the ſaid Corporation, this preſent thirteenth day of *October*, in the Year of our Lord 1705.

John Davis Portreeve.
Leyſon Williams Recorder.

Aldermen.

Leyſon Hopkin.
Jenkin Thomas.
Richard Jones.
John Lewellin.
Thomas Jenkin.

Burgeſſes.

Richard Thomas.
Evan Meyrick.
Evan John Watkin.
Thomas Lewis.
Hopkin Rowland.
Rees Morgan.
Evan John.
John Owen.
Rees Leonard.
William Evan.
Hopkin Evan.
William Fieldhouſe.
Michael Parker.
Matthew Powell.
William John.
Edward Andrew.
Thomas Mann.
William Morris.
Thomas Williams.
Thomas Lewis.
Griffith Richards.
James Hall.
John Johnſon.
Lewis Thomas David.
Richard Rees.
Edward Lewis.
Edward Andrew.
William Davis.
Simon Chappell.
Howell Powell.
Edward James.
William Lewis.
David William.
Evan George.
Edward Wathen.
William King.
Herbert William.
Phillip Gregory.
Joh Thomas.
William Griffiths.
Morgan Evan.
Francis Richards.
Thomas Hall.
Thomas Wierſdale.

In

In Banco Reginæ.

JOHN WILLIAMS, Master of the two Sisters of *Bridgwater*, aged thirty five Years or thereabouts, maketh Oath, That this Deponent hath been several times threatned by Persons whose names were unknown to him, promoters of a Trade to the Coal-works of *Thomas Mansell of Britton ferry* Esq; that in case the said *John Williams* went over the Bar of *Neath* to load Coal with Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, his Men should be all pressed to Sea, but in case he would load Coal at *Swanzey* he should fare better, or words to that Effect: And this Deponent heard *Thomas Bion* Master of the *Turtle of Bridgwater* declare, that he came to *Neath* Bank to load Coal with Sir *Humphry Mackworth* about the ninth day of *May* last, and that he was forced to come away without the said Coal, by reason some of the Work-men of the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth* were lifted by Sir *Edward Mansell*, *Thomas Mansell of Britton ferry* Esq; and *Thomas Popkins* Esq; Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Glamorgan*, to serve as Soldiers, and the rest of his Men durst not appear to load the said Vessel: And this Deponent saith, it hath been of late commonly Reported in *Bridgwater*, where the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth* hath a great Trade for his Coal, that the Waggon-way for the carriage of his said Coal was broke down, and that the Vessels could not be supplied with Coal from the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth*'s Works, or words to that Effect; and this Deponent believes, that several Vessels that usually loaded with Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, have sailed to other parts for Coal since the lifting of the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth*'s Workmen.

John Williams.

Jurat' apud Neath in Com. Glamorgan decimo Tertio die Octobris Anno Regni Reginæ Annæ Ang. &c. quarto Coram me unum Comissionar. Constitut. in Cur. pred. in Com. pred. per formam Statut. &c.

Leyson Williams.

In Banco Reginæ.

RICHARD DODGE, Of *Exeter*, Mariner, maketh Oath, That to his Knowledge, great endeavours have been used by the Owners of the Coal-works at *Swanzey*, their Agents and Dependents, to obstruct the Sale of Sir *Humphry Mackworth*'s Coal at *Neath*, sometimes giving out, that the Bar of the said Port of *Neath* was dangerous for Ships to pass over; at other times, that the said Coal at *Neath* was not good, and by these and other means, and frequent Solicitations of the Masters of Vessels, many Ships have been diverted from coming to the Bank of *Neath* for the Coal of the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth* in that Port.

Richard Dodge.

Jurat' apud Neath in Com. Glamorgan decimo tertio die Octobris Coram me unum Comissionar. Constitut. in Cur. pred. in Com. pred. per formam Statut. &c.

Leyson Williams.

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In Banco Reginæ.

EVAN WILLIAM, Of the Parish of *Kylykem* in the County of *Carmarthen* Taylor, aged sixty three Years of Age, and *Elinor Thomas*, Wife of the said *Evan*, aged sixty two Years of Age, do severally make Oath, That *David Evan* their Son, being a Taylor by Trade, did get an honest Livelyhood for himself, and for his said Father and Mother, and was on Wednesday the third of this instant *October*, pressed to serve Her Majesty in the Land-Forces under the Command of Captain *Bussy Mansell*, Grandson to Sir *Edward Mansell of Margam* Bar. and that the said Deponents did apply themselves to the Right Honorable *Thomas Mansell* Esq; Father and Guardian of the said *Bussy Mansell* an Infant, and the said Sir *Edward Mansell*, to procure the discharge of their said Son, but the said *Thomas Mansell* declared, that their said Son should not be discharged, and both the said Sir *Edward* and the said *Thomas Mansell* refused to receive or peruse a Certificate then tendered to them on their Knees from divers Inhabitants of the said Parish on the behalf of their said Son.

Evan William.
Elinor Thomas.

Jurat apud Neath in Com. Glamorgan undecimo die Octobris 1705, Coram me.

Leyson Williams.

In Banco Reginæ.

HOPKIN EVAN, Of *Neath* in the County of *Glamorgan*, Tucker, maketh Oath, That *John Morgan* of *Neath*, Mariner, was in the Year 1702, prosecuted by *William Broadber* of *Neath*, Ironmonger, *David Pruliff* of *Neath* Innkeeper, and *Benjamin Price of Neath* Apothecary deceased, before Sir *Edward Mansell* of *Margam* Bar. Sir *Edward Stradling* of *St. Dennets* Bar. for a common Disturber of the Peace, and for threatning to burn the Town of *Neath*, and assaulting the said *Benjamin Price* Portreeve of the said Town, and the said *William Broadber*, and for such his Offences, the said *John Morgan* was committed to Goal by the said Justices, or one of them, and being unruly had his Mittimus read at *Margam*, by order of the said Sir *Edward*, and at next great Sessions for the said County, the said *Morgan* was Indicted by the Grand Jury, and the Bill was found against him, and he remained for some-time in Goal; but before his Trial, the said *Morgan* was discharged by Order of *Thomas Mansell* Esq; as it was commonly Reported. And this Deponent saith, That the said *Morgan* is a Person of very ill Fame and Reputation, is an able bodied Man, having no lawful Calling or Employment, nor visible means of living, and hath been formerly pressed to Sea, and ran away from the Publick Service.

Hopkin Evan.

Jurat apud Neath in Com. Glamorgan decimo Tertio die Octobris Anno Regni Annæ Reginæ Ang, &c. quarto Coram me unum Comission. Constitut. in Cur. pred. in Com. pred. per formam Statut. &c.

Leyson Williams.

In Banco Reginæ.

RICHARD THOMAS, Of *Neath*, in the County of *Glamorgan* Gent. maketh Oath, That he hath known *John Morgan* of *Neath* Mariner, these twenty Years and upwards, and that he is an able bodied Man, and a Person of very ill Fame and Reputation, having no lawful Calling or Employment, or visible means of living, and hath been several times before a Magistrate for Theft, breach of the Peace, and other Offences, and particularly, that about three Years ago, this Deponent appeared as Witness against the said *John Morgan* before Sir *Edward Mansell* of *Margam* Bar. and Sir *Edward Stradling* of St. *Dennets* Bar. and the said *John Morgan* was then committed to *Cardiff* Goal by the said Sir *Edward Mansell* and Sir *Edward Stradling*, or one of them, for saying that he would sell himself to the Devil to have power to burn the Town of *Neath* and the Inhabitants there, or words to that Effect; and this Deponent asking him about these Words, he, the said *John Morgan* confessed, that he did say these words above mentioned, and that if the Devil had come to him that Night, he would have done accordingly: For all which, the said *John Morgan* was Indicted at the Grand-Sessions next insuing, holden at *Cardiff* for the said County, and the Bill was found against him as this Deponent believes and was informed; but the said *Morgan* not being tried the same Sessions, as he believes, before the next Sessions he got to be discharged out of Prison, but by what Authority this Deponent knoweth not; and this Deponent hath heard the said *John Morgan* confess, that he did run away from the Publick Service in the Fleet, without any lawful Discharge.

Richard Thomas.

Jurat apud Neath in Com. Glamorgan decimo tertio die Octobris Anno Regni Annæ Reginæ Ang. &c. quarto Coram me unum Comission. Constitut. in Cur. pred. in Com. pred. per formam Statut. &c.

Leyson Williams.

In Banco Reginæ.

JOHN WHITE, Of *Neath*, in the County of *Glamorgan* Joiner, aged thirty Years and upwards, maketh Oath, That he hath known *John Morgan of Neath* aforesaid Mariner, these twenty Years and upwards, and that he is an able bodied Man, and a frequent Disturber of Her Majesty's Peace, a Person of very ill Fame and Reputation, having no lawful Calling or Employment, or visible means of Living, and that about three Years ago this Deponent being Constable of the Town and Parish of *Neath* aforesaid, he did by Authority of a Warrant under the Hand and Seal of Sir *Edward Mansell of Margam* Bar. convey the said *John Morgan* to Her Majesty's Goal at *Cardiff*, for threatning to burn the Town of *Neath*, and for assaulting the Portreeve of the said Town, and farther saith, that it is generally reported in the said Town, that the said *John Morgan*, having been formerly to Sea, ran away from the Publick Service in the Fleet several times, and hath not had any legal Discharge, as this Deponent believes.

John White.

Jurat apud Neath in Com. Glamorgan decimo Tertio die Octobris Anno Regni Annæ Reginæ Ang. &c. quarto Coram me unum Comission. Constitut. in Cur. pred. in Com. pred. &c.

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In Banco Regine.

EDWARD JAMES, Of *Neath*, in the County of *Glamorgan*, Mariner, maketh Oath, That he hath known *John Morgan* of *Neath* aforesaid, these eighteen Years and upwards, and that he is an able Body'd Man, a Person of a very ill Fame and Reputation; and that he hath formerly been pressed to Sea, and several times ran away from the Publick Service without any legal Discharge.

Edward James.

Jurat apud Neath in Com. Glamorgan decimo tertio die Octobris Anno Regni Reginæ Annæ Angl. &c. quarto, Coram me unum Comission. Constitut. in Cur. pred. in Com. pred.

Leyson Williams.

In Banco Regine.

THOMAS HAWKINS, Of *Neath*, in the County of *Glamorgan* Gent. maketh Oath, That he, this Deponent, being concerned as Agent to Sir *Humphry Mackworth* of *Neath* aforesaid Knt. did on the 21st day of *August* last past, attend Sir *Edward Mansell of Margam* Bar. *Thomas Mansell of Britonferry*, and *Thomas Popkins* of the *Forest* Esqs; Three of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, who were then at the House of one *David Praulse* of the said Town, Inn-keeper, in order to have Witnesses examined upon a Warrant from under the Hand of the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, one other of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, issued out against *William John* and *John George*, Servants to the said *Thomas Mansell* for a Riot and forceable Entry committed that Day on the Free-hold Lands of the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth*. And the said Sir *Edward Mansell* taking upon him the Examination of the said Matter, one *Thomas Jenkins* a Witness then produced was Sworn and examined touching the same, who upon his Oath declared to the said Justice, that the said *William John* and *John George* did threaten to break down the Gate upon the Free-hold Lands of the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, and that the said *William John* and *John George* did confess to him, the said *Thomas Jenkins*, that they did break open the said Gate, and that he saw them carry away the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth*'s Coal; notwithstanding which Evidence the said Sir *Edward Mansell* discharged the said Offenders, and refused to examine other Evidences touching the Premisses, who were then and there ready to be produced and examined: This Deponent being surprized at such proceedings, further applied himself to the said Sir *Edward Mansell*, taking notice with submission of the Evidence, and proof already made, the said Sir *Edward Mansell* fell into a Passion with this Deponent, and ordered this Deponent to find security for his good Behaviour, telling this Deponent, that he would examine no other Evidence in the matter; whereupon this Deponent desired Justice from the said Sir *Edward*, and that having two more Evidences ready to prove the Fact, demanded, with Submission, that they might be examined; for which, and no other Reason, to this Deponent's Knowledge, the said Sir *Edward Mansell* bound this Deponent to his good Behaviour, and refused to accept Mr. *John Davies* Portreeve of the said Town of *Neath* for one of this Deponents Securities. And this Deponent further saith, that at the same time he desired to know of the said Sir *Edward*,

the Reaſon he was ſo Bound, the ſaid Sir *Edward* replied, that he would not tell, for he was Judge of that himſelf; and a little time after, on the ſame Day, this Deponent being employed to carry a Meſſage to the ſaid Sir *Edward Manſell*, the ſaid Sir *Edward* threatned this Deponent, and told this Deponent to have a care how he, this Deponent came by him, leſt he ſhould continue this Deponent bound to his good Behaviour ſo long as this Deponent lived, or words to that Effect. And this Deponent further ſaith, that the ſaid *William John* and *John George*, having ſince, together with *Leyſon Hopkins of Penrowtin*, Agent to the ſaid *Thomas Manſell*, *John Morgan of Neath* aforeſaid, Labourer, with many others committed ſeveral Miſdemeanors of the like Nature upon the Lands of the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, to his great prejudice, and the obſtruction of his Affairs at *Neath*, this Deponent hath ſeveral applied himſelf in the name on the behalf of the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* to the ſaid Sir *Edward Manſell* and *Thomas Popkins* Eſq; for a Warrant, in order to have Juſtice againſt the ſaid Perſons, but the ſaid Juſtices did as often refuſe the ſame to this Deponent, and on the contrary, the ſaid Juſtice *Popkins* committed to Her Majeſty's Goal at *Cardiffe* one Mr. *William Williams*, Mr. *William Morris* and *John Hugh*, all belonging to the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, for no other Reaſon than that they the ſaid Mr. *Williams*, Mr. *Morris*, and *John Hugh*, did in a quiet and peaceable manner endeavour to prevent the ſaid *John Morgan* and his Confederates from digging up and deſtroying the Waggonway built by the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* for the conveniency of Carriage of his Coal to the Water-ſide, over croſs Her Majeſty's High-road, which the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* hath quietly enjoyed for this five Years paſt and upwards, without any diſturbance to this Deponent's Knowledge.

Thomas Hawkins.

Jurat. apud Neath in Com. Glamorgan decimo octo die Novemb. 1705. *Coram me unum Commiſſion. Conſtitut. per formam Statut. in Com. pred.*

Leyſon Williams.

In Banco Reginæ.

PHILLIP GREGORY, Of *Neath*, in the County of *Glamorgan*, Victualler, maketh Oath, That on the eighth day of *September* laſt, he, this Deponent ſaw *John Margan* and *Phillip William of Neath* aforeſaid, Laborers, digging up Her Majeſty's High-way between *Neath* and *Mellingrythan* with force and Arms in a riotous manner: And that *Leyſon Hopkins of Penrowtin*, Agent to *Thomas Manſell of Britonferry* Eſq; *William Phillips of Langynnur* in the County of *Carmarthen*, and *Gabriel Powell* of *Swanzey* in the ſaid County of *Glamorgan* an Attorney at Law, were then and there preſent, directing and encouraging the ſaid *John Morgan* and *Phillip William*, to proceed in the Fact above mentioned. And this Deponent further ſaith, That he being Overſeer of the High-ways for this preſent Year for the ſaid Town and Pariſh of *Neath*, did the ſame Day apply himſelf to Sir *Edward Manſell of Margam* Bar. One of Her Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Glamorgan*, and acquainted the ſaid Sir *Edward* with the proceedings of the Perſons above-mentioned, and offering then Evidence to prove the ſame, deſired a Warrant from the ſaid Sir *Edward* againſt the Perſons for the ſame, but the ſaid Sir *Edward Manſell* refuſed his Warrant to this Deponent: And this Deponent further ſaith, That on the Tenth day of *September*

ber aforesaid, the said *John Morgan* and *Phillip William*, did again, with *John Thomas of Neath* aforesaid, Labourer, dig up in a forcible and riotous manner the said High way; whereupon this Deponent, the same Tenth day of *September*, applied himself to *Tho. Popkins* Esq; One of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, for a Warrant against the said Persons; but the said Justice ordered this Deponent to attend on the Morrow Morning, telling this Deponent, that he would consider of it, and this Deponent accordingly did Attend, but the said Justice then refused to grant his Warrant to this Deponent against any of the said Offenders. And this Deponent further saith, That as he is Overseer of the High-ways as aforesaid, he doth know the way commonly called the Waggon way between *Neath* and *Melingrythan*, and as such hath taken particular notice thereof, that the same, to his Knowloege, was formerly a Pool of Dirt, till about eight or nine Years ago was made good and firm by Sir *Humphry Mackworth* at his own Charge, for all sorts of Carriage, and so continued without Disturbance till the said eighth day of *September* last, at which time, and several times since, the said Way was broak up by the said *John Morgan* and others, by the directions of the said *Leyson Hopkins*, *William Phillips*, and *Gabriel Powell*, before mentioned, which this Deponent believes to be done out of Malice, and to prejudice the Coal-works of the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, and that the said Way before it was so broak up, was as good a spot of Ground, in this Deponent Judgment for heavy Carriage, as any between *Neath* and *Cardiffe*.

Phillip Gregory.

Jurat apud Neath in Com. Glamorgan Octavo die Novembris Anno Regni Annæ Reginæ Ang. &c. quarto Coram me unum Comission. Constitut. in Cur. pred. in Com. pred. per formam Statut. &c.

Leyson Williams.

In Banco Reginæ.

FRANCIS BENBOW, of *Neath*, in the County of *Glamorgan*, Yeoman, maketh Oath, That on the twenty eighth day of *September* last, he, this Deponent, being then one of the Constables of the said Town and Parish of *Neath*, did assist *James Hall*, *Thomas Morgan* and *Thomas Lewis*, his Fellow Constables in the Execution of a Warrant from under the Hand and Seal of Sir *Humphry Mackworth* Knt. to them directed against *John Morgan*, *Morris Morgan*, *John Thomas*, *Phillip William*, and *Thomas Richard*, for breaking up with forch of Arms Her Majesty's High-way betwixt *Neath* and *Malingrythan*, and finding the said Persons upon the Fact, executed the said Warrant upon them, and taking the Offenders before a Justice of the Peace for this County, *Phillip Morgan*, *David Pralfe*, *David Hopkin*, *Charles Fisher*, *William David Griffith*, *William Leyson*, *Daniel Jones*, all of the Town of *Neath* aforesaid, together with *Leyson Hopkins of Penrowtin*, Agent to *Thomas Mansell of Brittonferry* Esq; *Stephen Howard*, Agent to Sir *Edward Mansell of Margam* Bar. with several others in a Riotous Tumultous manner, in contempt of the said Warrant, did Rescue the said Offenders out of the Hands of this Deponent, and the said other Constables, by Reason whereof the said Offenders did Escape, and could not be brought to Justice: And this Deponent further saith, that *Tho. Popkins* Esq; One of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, being there present at the time of the said Rescue, the said *James Hall*, one of the Constables before

 mentioned,

mentioned, offered to the ſaid *Thomas Popkins* a return of the ſaid Warrant, but the ſaid *Thomas Popkins* refuſed to receive the ſame.

Francis Benbow.

Jurat apud Neath octavo die Octobris Coram me.

Leyſon Williams.

In Banco Reginæ.

JAMES HALL, Of the Pariſh of *Neath*, in the County of *Glamorgan*, Shoomaker, maketh Oath, That on the twenty eighth day of *September* laſt, he, this Deponent, being then one of the Conſtables of the ſaid Town and Pariſh of *Neath*, having received a Warrant under the Hand and Seal of Sir *Humphry Mackworth* of *Neath* in the ſaid County of *Glamorgan* Knt. One of Her Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, to bring before the ſaid Juſtice, or ſome other of Her Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, *John Morgan*, *Morris Morgan*, *John Thomas*, *Phillip William*, and *Thomas Richard*, all of *Neath* aforeſaid, Labourers, for breaking up the High-way between *Neath* and *Mellingrythan* within the ſaid Pariſh with Force and Arms in a Riotous manner, and finding the ſaid Parties actually breaking the ſaid Way in a Riotous manner as aforeſaid; he, this Deponent, together with *Thomas Morgan*, *Francis Benbo*, and *Thomas Lewis*, then alſo Conſtables of the ſaid Town and Pariſh, ſerved the ſaid Warrant upon the ſaid Offenders, requiring them to come before one of Her Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace, whereupon the ſaid Offenders at firſt ſubmitted, and came along with the Deponent and the ſaid other Conſtable as far as the Houſe of *George Bowden* in *Neath* aforeſaid, where *David Hopkin*, *Leyſon Rees*, *Phillip Morgan*, *William Leyſon*, and *Daniel Jones*, all of the ſaid Pariſh of *Neath*, with *David Pralſe*, *Walter Williams*, *Stephen Howard*, Agent to Sir *Edward Manſell of Margam*, *William Phillips*, *Leyſon Hopkins*, Agent to *Thomas Manſell of Britonferry* Eſq; with many others, reſcued by force the ſaid Offenders from this Deponent, and the ſaid other Conſtables, declaring, that they, the ſaid Offenders ſhould not go with him and the ſaid other Conſtables before a Juſtice of the Peace, and the ſaid *Phillip Morgan* laid violent Hands upon this Deponent, and did tear this Deponent's Neck-cloth from his Neck, and had gone near to have ſtifled this Deponent, had not this Deponent's Father come to his Aſſiſtance. And this Deponent further ſaith, That at the ſame time he ſaw the ſaid *Walter Williams*, and *David. Praulfe*, *William Broadber*, and one *David Jenkins*, all of *Neath* aforeſaid, Aſſaulting *Thmas Hawkins* Gent. Chief Agent of Sir *Humphry Mackworth* and the Governor and Company of Mine-Adventurers of *England*, without any provocation given by the ſaid *Hawkins* to this Deponent's Knowledge. And this Deponent further ſaith; That the ſaid Offender being reſcued as aforeſaid in the ſight and preſence of one *Thomas Popkins* Eſq; One of Her Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for this County, he, this Deponent, immediately applied himſelf to the ſaid *William Popkins* for relief, and offered to make a return to him of the ſaid Warrant, which the ſaid Mr. *Popkins* utterly refuſed, and laying his Hand upon his Sword, bad this Deponent and his Aſſociates go about their Buſineſs, or he would run them through, or words to that Effect.

James Hall.

Jurat apud Neath in Com. Glamorgan Octavo die Novembris Anno Regni Annæ Reginæ Ang. &c. quarto Coram me unum Comiſſion Conſtitut. in Cur. pred. in Com. pred. per formam Statut. &c.

Leyſon Williams.

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In Banco Reginæ.

EDWARD ANDREW, Of the Town of *Neath*, in the County of *Glamorgan*, Shoomaker, maketh Oath, That he, this Deponent, being one of the Conſtables for the ſaid Town of *Neath* for this enſuing Year, returned by the Grand Jury of the Leet and Homage for the ſaid Burough of *Neath*, and Sworn by the Steward of Leet according to Law; did on the twenty ſeventh day of *October* laſt, receive a Warrant from under the Hand of *Thomas Popkins* Eſq; One of Her Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, requiring this Deponent to bring before the ſaid Juſtice, or any other of Her Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, the Body of one *William Webberne* of the Pariſh of *Neath* aforeſaid, at the Complaint of *Elizabeth William* his Servant Maid, he, this Deponent, in Obedience to the ſaid Warrant, did the ſame day, in the preſence of the ſaid *Elizabeth*, ſerve the ſaid *Webberne* therewith, who deſired liberty till the Wedneſday following before this Deponent made his return thereof, to which the ſaid *Elizabeth* agreed, expecting the ſaid Juſtice to be that day at the Market in *Neath* aforeſaid, but in Caſe the ſaid Juſtice ſhould not happen to be there, it was then further agreed between the ſaid Parties, that he, this Deponent ſhould hear further from them, when and where to Return the ſaid Warrant, but this Deponent not hearing from them, and being informed by other hands, that the ſaid Parties had agreed the Matter amongſt themſelves, and there being no time limitted in the ſaid Warrant for this Deponent to make his Return; this Deponent being a poor Man, and unwilling to looſe a days Service, concluded to make his Return thereof the next time the ſaid Juſtice came to Town, or ſhould hear from the ſaid Parties, and this Deponent further ſaith, that on the ſecond day of this Inſtant *November*, he, this Deponent, was taken into Cuſtody by *James John*, one of the Chief Conſtables for the hundred of *Neath*, by Virtue of a Warrant from under the Hand of the ſaid Mr. *Popkins*, and this Deponent was convey'd before the ſaid Juſtice for Contempt in not returning the Warrant given to this Deponent as aforeſaid, and for that, and no other Crime whatſoever, this Deponent was immediately committed by the ſaid Juſtice to Her Majeſty's Goal at *Cardiffe*, notwithſtanding this Deponent did offer to make Oath before the ſaid Juſtice, that he had made his Return of the ſaid Warrant before, but for the Reaſons above mentioned, and the ſaid Juſtice taking the Matter into further Conſideration, told this Deponent, that in caſe he would pay down half a Crown and one Shilling to the Clerk, he, this Deponent ſhould be free from his Commitment to the County Goal as aforeſaid, and this Deponent being forced ſo to purchaſe his Liberty, borrowed of one Mr. *David Thomas* half a Crown, and payd the ſame accordingly, upon which this Deponent was Releaſed.

Edward Andrew.

Jurat apud Neath in Com. Glamorgan octavo die Octobris Anno Regni Annæ Reginæ Ang. &c. quarto An. Dom. 1705, *coram me per formam Statut.*

Leyſon Williams.

In Banco Reginæ.

WILLIAM BLEWER, late of the Pariſh of *Whombridge*, in the County of *Salop*, Collier, aged about Thirty two Years, maketh Oath, That he, this Deponent is covenanted to ſerve Sir *Humphry Mackworth of Neath* Knt. in his Coal-works

works at or near *Neath* aforesaid, in the County of *Glamorgan* for the term of one Year, the greatest part whereof is unexpired, and being in the House of one *Margaret Soul* of the Town of *Swanzey* in the said County of *Glamorgan*, Widow, on the fourteenth day of this Instant *October*, met with *William Wilson*, who pretends himself a Serjeant in Her Majesty's Land-Forces in the Company of Captain *Busfy Mansell*, who then and there asked this Deponent if he had a desire to list himself a Soldier in the said Company, and in order to it, tendered to this Deponent half a Crown, and asked this Deponent whether he would receive the Queens Money, but this Deponent refused to accept the same, and declaring to the said *Wilson*, that he had no intention, nor any occasion to List himself a Soldier: The said *Wilson* bad him, this Deponent, to leave the Room, and go about his Business, whereupon this Deponent departed, and going into another Room of the said House, one *John Jones* Corporal in the said Company, as he pretends himself, came into this Deponents Company, where this Deponent and the said *Jones*, together with one *John Griffith* and *Evan Miles*, drank three Flaggons of Ale and no more, two of which, this Deponent offered to pay for, but the said *Jones* told this Deponent, that he must pay for all, and this Deponent suspecting the said *Jones*, rather than make a Disturbance, or create a Quarrel, this Deponent did pay the whole, upon which the said *Jones* took occasion to tell this Deponent, that in case he wanted Money, he, the said *Jones*, would supply him; this Deponent, in a jesting manner, asking what Money he would give him, the said *Jones* produced a Shilling, and clapt it upon this Deponent's Hands at the same time, telling to this Deponent, that it was the Queen's Money, and that in case he would accept it, he, the said *Jones* would make it up a Gunea; whereupon this Deponent perceiving it to be a Trick and Design upon him, threw down the said Shilling, and then declared in the presence of the said other Company, that he had nothing to do with it, and that he had Money enough of his own; and this Deponent offering to go his way, the said *Jones* took this Deponent in Custody pretending, by the proceeding above mentioned, that this Deponent was listed as a Soldier, and hath ever since kept this Deponent in Custody at *Margam*, in a Tenants House belonging to Sir *Edward Mansell* Bar. contrary to this Deponent's Will, to his great Prejudice, his Wife and Family, and to the prejudice of his said employer. And this Deponent further saith, that neither at that time nor ever since he did not receive any Money from any of Her Majesty's Officers, on any account whatsoever; neither hath he, this Deponent, at any time signified his consent to be listed a Soldier, but always declared the contrary, particularly before the said Sir *Edward Mansell*, who has examined this Deponent about the same in the presence of the said *Jones*, and one of the Witnesses that were summoned to give an account of the said Proceedings before the said Sir *Edward*: And this Deponent further saith, that being employed under the said Sir *Humphry Mackworth* in his Coal-works at *Neath*, where he got good Wages, and having a Free-hold in the said County of *Salop*, and a Wife and Family to provide for, always was, and still is, unwilling to be listed a Soldier in Her Majesty's Land-Forces, but is now detained in Custody at *Margam* aforesaid, in order to be sent away against his Will.

Signed *William W Blewer.*

Jurat apud Margam Vicesimo Septimo die Octobris Anno Regni Annæ Reginæ Ang. &c. quarto Anno Dom. 1705, *coram me unum Comission. Constitut. in Cur. pred. per Com. pred. &c. per formam Statut. &c.*

Leyson Williams.

In

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, Of *Neath*, in the County of *Glamorgan* Gent. maketh Oath, That on the 8th day of *September* laſt, he, this Deponent, ſaw *John Morgan*, and *Phillip William*, dig or break up the way commonly called the Waggon-way, built by Sir *Humphry Mackworth* Knt. for the carriage of his Coal to the Water-ſide; and that *Leyſon Hopkins of Penrowtin*, Agent to *Thomas Manſell of Britton-ferry* Eſq; *William Philips of Langynnwr*, in the County of *Carmarthen*, and *Gabriel Powell of Swanzey* in the ſaid County of *Glamorgan* an Attorney at Law, were then and there preſent, encouraging the ſaid *John Morgan* and *Phillip William*, whereupon this Deponent told the ſaid *Gabriel Powell*, he admired they ſhould take ſuch meaſures to deſtroy the ſaid Way, ſince it had been indicted, and the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* had given ſecurity to have it tried next Great Seſſions. And the ſaid *Gabriel Powell*, amongſt other Diſcourſe, anſwered this Deponent in the following, or the like words, (*viz.*) *I was willing to let you ſee how I could manage you my ſelf*; and the ſaid Offenders ſtill continuing their Reſolution to deſtroy the ſaid Way, this Deponent went immediately with Mr. *Thomas Hawkins*, Agent to the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, and *Phillip Gregory* Overſeer of the Highways for the ſaid Town and Pariſh of *Neath* to Sir *Edward Manſell of Margam* Bar. One of Her Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, and acquainted him of the proceeding of the Perſons above mentioned, and that the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* would ſuſtain conſiderable damages in his Coal-works, in caſe ſuch force was not immediately removed, or words to that Effect, and deſired Juſtice of the ſaid Sir *Edward*, on the behalf of the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, and that he would grant his Warrant againſt the ſaid Offenders; the ſaid *Phillip Gregory*, as Overſeer aforeſaid, at the ſame time deſired the like Juſtice; but the ſaid Sir *Edward* refuſed the ſame, and the Right Honorable *Thomas Manſell* Eſq. Son to the ſaid Sir *Edward*, being then preſent, told this Deponent, that he wondered the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* or his Agents ſhould trouble his Father with ſuch Matters, for that Sir *Humphry Mackworth* was not intituled to any Favour from that Family, or words to that Effect; to which this Deponent replied, that he expected no Favour, but deſired Juſtice; notwithſtanding which this Deponent, the ſaid Mr. *Hawkins* and *Phillip Gregory* could not obtain a Warrant from the ſaid Sir *Edward Manſell*. And this Deponent further ſaith, That on the 10th day of the ſaid Month, there being a petty Seſſions holden at *Aberavon* by the ſaid Sir *Edward Manſell*, and one *Thomas Popkins* Eſq; another of Her Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County; the ſaid *John Morgan* appeared at the ſaid Seſſions, and on the contrary, then, and there, as this Deponent verily believes, obtained a Warrant from under the Hand and Seal of the ſaid Mr. *Popkins* to bring this Deponent, together with one Mr. *William Morris*, *John Hugh*, and ſeveral others, Agents, Servants, and Friends to the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, before the ſaid Juſtice, or ſome other of Her Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, which Warrant was ſerved accordingly upon this Deponent and the reſt of them, and the ſaid Juſtice *Popkins*, after his return from the ſaid petty Seſſions, came to look on and encourage the ſaid *John Morgan* in breaking up the ſaid Way, who being deſired by the ſaid Mr. *Hawkins* to remove the force, the ſaid Mr. *Popkins* refuſed to do the ſame, tho' at the ſame time confeſſed to this Deponent, that it might have been bore with, (to wit) the ſaid Way, but that one difference created another, and ſo went his way, leaving the ſaid *John Morgan* and his Confederates acting as aforeſaid. And this Deponent further ſaith, That by Virtue of the Warrant before mentioned,

oned, he, this Deponent, with the reſt of the Perſons therein named, to the number of ſeven or more, on the morrow being the 11th day of *September* aforeſaid, were carried before the ſaid Mr. *Popkins*, and tho' the Evidence produced before the ſaid Juſtice againſt this Deponent, and the ſaid *John Hugh* had nothing to ſay againſt them, but that this Deponent and the ſaid *Hugh* did only take the Tools out of the ſaid *John Morgan*'s Hands, and laid them down on the ground, which was done in order to hinder the ſaid *John Morgan* from deſtroying the ſaid Way, and notwithſtanding this Deponent, the ſaid *John Hugh* and the aforementioned Mr. *William Morris* offered to the ſaid Juſtice their Security for one another for their Appearance at the next Quarter Seſſions, yet the ſaid Juſtice *Popkins* refuſing to accept thereof, committed this Deponent, the ſaid *Hugh* and *Morris*, to Her Majeſty's Goal at *Cardiffe*, who remained Priſoners in the Cuſtody of *James Hall*, 1 of the then Conſtables of the ſaid Town and Pariſh of *Neath*, till they obtained a ſuperſedeas to the ſaid Commitment from *Charles Button* Eſq; One other of Her Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, on Monday the 11th of *September* aforeſaid. And this Deponent further ſaith, That at the ſame time he was committed by the ſaid Mr. *Popkins*, the ſaid Mr. *Hawkins* deſired a Warrant from the ſaid Juſtice againſt the ſaid *John Morgan*, *Leyſon Hopkins*, and others, for ſuch their aforeſaid Proceedings by them committed, who at the ſame time, offered to the ſaid Juſtice Evidence upon Oath againſt the ſaid Offenders; but the ſaid Juſtice refuſed a Warrant to the ſaid *Hawkins*, and alſo to the ſaid *Phillip Gregory*, who at the ſame time appeared before the ſaid Juſtice as Overſeer of the High-ways as aforeſaid, with the like Complaint againſt the ſaid Perſons, or ſome of them. And this Deponent further ſaith, That on the 28th day of *September* aforeſaid, the ſaid *John Morgan*, *Phillip William*, together with *John Thomas*, *Morris Morgan*, and *Thomas Richard* did with Force and Arms, break up the ſaid Way again, for which Riotous Proceedings, the forementioned Sir *Humphry Mackworth* Knt. being another of Her Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, as this Deponent was informed, and verily believes, iſſued forth his Warrant againſt the ſaid Offenders, who were by the petty Conſtables of *Neath* aforeſaid, ſerved therewith, whereupon this Deponent went his way, and left the Offenders in Cuſtody, who, as this Deponent hath been credibly informed, and verily believes, were reſcued out of the Hands of the ſaid Conſtables, and kept from Juſtice, after which Reſcue, the aforeſaid *Gabriel Powell*, *Leyſon Hopkins*, and *Stephen Howard*, Agent to the ſaid Sir *Edward Manſell* came before the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, and offered to give ſecurity for the ſaid Offenders, but the ſame time refuſed to bring the ſaid Offenders themſelves before the ſaid Juſtice to be bound in Recognizance with them, and the ſaid *Gabriel Powell*, *Leyſon Hopkins*, and *Stephen Howard*, underſtanding, as this Deponent believes, that the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* was taking Cognizance of ſuch Proceedings in contempt of the ſaid Warrant; a Meeting was appointed as this Deponent hath been informed, and held at *Aberavon* on Monday the firſt Day of *October* laſt, being the day before the Quarter Seſſions, before the ſaid Sir *Edward Manſell*, and other Juſtices, where a Jury was procured, moſt of them being Friends and Tenents of the ſaid Sir *Edward Manſell*, and upon the Oaths of the ſaid Offenders, the Riot was turned upon the ſaid Conſtables and others, who with this Deponent and ſeveral others, to about the number of Forty, were committed and found guilty by the ſaid Jury, altho' this Deponent was not preſent at the time of the ſaid Reſcue, of which clandeſtine Proceedings the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* underſtanding, procures a *Certiorary* to remove the ſame to the Grand Seſſions for the ſaid County, where this Deponent hopes to have Juſtice done. *William Williams.*

Jurat apud Neath quarto die Novembris, &c.

Leyſon Williams.

In

JOHN *GRIFFITH*, Of *Aberaven*, in the County of *Glamorgan*, aged about Twenty Years, maketh Oath, that on Sunday the fourteenth day of this Inſtant *October*, coming into the Houſe of *Margaret Soul*, of the Town of *Swanzey* in the ſaid County Widow, found in Company *William Blewer*, *John Jones*, and *Evan Miles*, who having drank together three Flaggons of Ale, the ſaid *William Blewer* offered to pay his Share, but the ſaid *John Jones*, pretending himſelf to be a Corporal in Her Majeſty's Land-Forces under the Command of Captain *Manſell*, told the ſaid *Blewer*, that if he had occaſion for any Money, he would ſupply him therewith, the ſaid *Brewer*, Jeſtingly asked him what Money? the ſaid *Jones* claps a Shilling upon the ſaid *Blewer*'s Hands, and declared it was the Queens Money, which he would give him and make it up a Guinea; whereupon the ſaid *Blewer* let fall the ſaid Shilling, and declared, that he had, and would have nothing to do therewith, and afterwards offering to depart, the ſaid *Jones* detained him, pretending that he had liſted him as a Soldier, whereupon *William Wilſon*, Serjeant in the ſaid Company, as this Deponent is inform'd, being ſent for to examine the Matter, declared, in the hearing of this Deponent, that he could do nothing therein before he was brought before a Juſtice of Peace, and thereupon ordered the ſaid *Blewer* to be kept in ſafe Cuſtody, and is ſtill detained as this Deponent is informed.

John Griffith.

Jurat apud Neath *in Com. Glamorgan Viceſſimo quinto die Octobris Anno Regni Annæ Reginæ Ang. &c. quarto Coram me unum Comiſſion. Conſtit in Cur. pred. per formam Statut. &c.*

Theſe are to Certifie, that the within named John Griffith *did hear the within written Affidavit Read, and did then declare that the Contents thereof was true, and put his Mark thereunto, but refuſed to put his Hand upon the Bible to Swear to the ſame, unleſs he was ſerved with a Warrant under the hand of a Juſtice of the Peace; the Reaſon he gave for his ſo refuſing, that he was a poor man, and lived upon all the People, and would not have it ſaid that he came Voluntary to Swear.*

Leyſon Williams Commiſſioner. William Williams. Thomas Hawkins.

Burgus and Mannour *de Neath.*

The Preſentment of the Grand-Jury, and of the Homage at a Leet and Baron Court held the firſt day of October *for the ſaid Burrough and Mannor before Sir* Humphry Mackworth *Knt. Conſtable of the Caſtle, and* John Davies *Gent. Portreeve of the ſaid Burrough of* Neath.

Impr. THE ſaid Jury upon their Oaths, preſent in Election Conſtables to ſerve within the ſaid Burrough for the enſuing Year, *William Mann*, *Edward Andrew* Jun. *Matthew Powell*, and *John Hugh.*

Item. The ſaid Jury, upon their Oaths do preſent *John Morgan* and *PhillipWilliam* both of the Town of *Neath*, *Leyſon Hopkin* of the Pariſh of *Lantwitt* by *Neath* Gent. *William Phillips* of the Pariſh of *Langynnur in Com. Carmarthen* Gent. and *Gabriel Powell* of the Town of *Swanzey in Com. Glamorgan* Gent. for breaking up the High-way leading from the ſaid Town of *Neath* to *Aberavon*, upon the 8th day of *September* laſt with Force and Arms, to the great Annoyance of Her Majeſty's Subjects paſſing that way.

Item. The ſaid Jury, upon their Oaths, do preſent *John Morgan*, *Phillip William*, and *John Thomas of Neath* aforeſaid, *Thomas Popkins* Eſq; and *William Phillips* of the Pariſh of *Langynnur*, *in Com. Carmarthen* Gent. for breaking up and ſpoiling the ſaid High-way leading from *Neath* to *Aberavon*, upon the 10th day of *September* laſt, with Force and Arms, to the great Annoyance of Her Majeſty's Subjects paſſing that way.

Item. The ſaid Jury, upon their Oaths, do preſent *John Morgan*, *William John David*, and *Morris Morgan*, all of the Town of *Neath*, *William Phillips* of the Pariſh of *Langynnur*, in the County of *Carmarthen*, and *George Rood*, of the Pariſh of *Brittonferry*, in the County of *Glamorgan* for breaking and ſpoiling the ſaid High-way, leading from the Town of *Neath* to *Aberavon* upon the 14th day of *September* laſt, with Force and Arms, to the great Annoyance of Her Majeſty's Subjects paſſing that way.

Item. The ſaid Jury, upon their Oaths, do preſent *John Morgan*, *Morris Morgan*, *of Neath* aforeſaid, *Leyſon Hopkin of Lantwitt* by *Neath* aforeſaid, for breaking up the ſaid High-way leading from the Town of *Neath* to *Aberavon*, the 7th day of *September* laſt, with Force and Arms, to the great Annoyance of Her Majeſty's Subjects paſſing that way.

Item. The ſaid Jury, upon their Oaths, do preſent the ſaid *John Morgan*, and *Morris Morgan*, for breaking up and ſpoiling the ſaid High-way leading from the Town of *Neath* to *Aberavon*, upon the 18th day of *September* laſt, with Force and Armes, to the great Annoyance of Her Majeſty's Subjects paſſing that way.

Item. The ſaid Jury, upon their Oaths, preſent *Leyſon Hopkins* of the Pariſh of *Lantwitt* by *Neath* Gent. and *John Morgan of Neath* aforeſaid, for breaking up and ſpoiling the ſaid High-way leading from the Town of *Neath* to *Aberavon*, upon the 20th day of *September* laſt, with Force and Arms, to the great Annoyance of Her Majeſty's Subjects paſſing that way.

Item. The ſaid Jury, do upon their Oaths, preſent the ſaid *John Morgan* for breaking up and ſpoiling the ſaid High-way leading from *Neath* aforeſaid, to *Aberavon*, upon the 21ſt day of *September* laſt, with Force and Arms, to the great Annoyance of Her Majeſty's Subjects paſſing that way.

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Item. The ſaid Jury, upon their Oaths, do preſent *John Morgan*, *Morris Morgan*, *John Thomas*, *Phillip William*, and *Thomas Richard*, all of the Town of *Neath* aforeſaid, for breaking up and ſpoiling the ſaid High-way, leading from *Neath* to *Aberavon*, upon the 28th day of *September* laſt, with Force and Arms, to the great Annoyance of Her Majeſty's Subjects paſſing that way.

Item. The ſaid Jury, upon their Oaths, do preſent *William John*, and *John George*, both of the Pariſh of *Brittonferry* in the County of *Glamorgan* Labourers, for breaking down with Force and Arms the Gate upon the Freehold Lands of Sir *Humpry Mackworth of Neath* aforeſaid Knt. at a place called *Hanegabach*, in the Pariſh of *Neath* aforeſaid, upon the 30th day of *June* laſt, and alſo upon the 21ſt day of *Auguſt* laſt paſt.

Item. The ſaid Jury, upon their Oaths, preſent *Leyſon Hopkin* of the Pariſh of *Lantwitt* by *Neath* Gent. *William Phillips* of the Pariſh of *Langunnur in Com. Carmarthen* Gent. *William Broadber* of the Town of *Neath* Iron-monger, *William John*, and *Griffith Bowen*, of the Pariſh of *Brittonferry* Labourers, *John Morgan* and *Charles Fiſher* of the Town of *Neath* Labourers, for breaking down with Force and Arms the ſaid Gate and Stone-Wall upon the Freehold Lands of Sir *Humphry Mackworth of Neath* aforeſaid Knt. at a place called *Hanegabath* on the 5th day of *September* laſt.

Item. The ſaid Jury, upon their Oaths, do preſent the ſaid *Leyſon Hopkins of Lantwitt* by *Neath* Gent. *William John*, and *John George of Brittonferry* aforeſaid Labourers, and *John Morgan of* Neath Labourer, for breaking down with Force and Arms the ſaid Gate and Stone-Wall upon the Freehold Land of Sir *Humphry Mackworth of* Neath Knt. at a place called *Hanegabach*, upon the 18th day of *September* laſt.

Item. The ſaid Jury, upon their Oaths, do preſent the ſaid *Leyſon Hopkins*, *William John*, and *John George*, for breaking down the ſaid Gate and Wall with Force and Arms, upon the 20th day of *Setemb.* laſt.

Item. The ſaid Jury, upon their Oaths, do preſent, that *William Broadber*, *David Praulf*, *Daniel Jones*, *David Hopkin*, *William Leyſon*, *Phillip Morgan*, *David Jenkin*, *Walter Williams*, *Leyſon Rees*, *John Bowden*, and *Hopkin Gwillim*, all of the Town of *Neath*, *Stephen Howard of Margam* Gent. *William Phillips* of the Pariſh of *Langynnur* Gent. with divers other Perſons, did Reſcue with Force and Armes, *John Morgan*, *Morris Morgan*, *John Thomas*, *Phillip Williams*, and *Thomas Richard*, all of the Town of *Neath*, being apprehended by *James Hall*, *Thomas Morgan*, *Francis Benbow*, and *Thomas Lewis*, *alias Browne*, Conſtables of the ſaid Town and Burrough of *Neath*, by virtue of a Warrant under the Hand and Seal of Sir *Humphry Mackworth* Knt. One of Her Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Glamorgan*, upon the 28th day of *September* laſt.

Item. The ſaid Jury, do upon their Oaths, preſent the ſaid *John Morgan* to be a Perſon of very ill Fame and Reputation, and a frequent diſturber of Her Majeſty's Peace.

Item. The ſaid Jury upon their Oaths, do preſent *William Broadber of Neath* aforſaid Iron-monger, for Aſſaulting and Kicking *Edward Morgan* on the 28th day of *September* laſt.

Item. The ſaid Jury, upon their Oaths, do preſent *William Broadber*, for Aſſaulting and Kicking *Thomas Mann* Jun. upon the 28th day of *September* laſt.

Item. The ſaid Jury, upon their Oaths, do preſent the ſaid *William Broadber* for Aſſaulting *Michael Parker of Neath* aforeſaid, by ſhaking him by the Shoulders, and asking what Buſineſs he had there? being then upon the Queens High-way, upon the 28th day of *September* laſt.

Item. The ſaid Jury, upon their Oaths, do preſent the ſaid *William Broadber* for Aſſaulting *Maud Parker*, Wife of the ſaid *Michael Parker*, by taking her by the Shoulders, ſhaking her thereby, and endeavouring to throw her into the Brook running thro' the ſaid Town of *Neath*, by the Houſe of one *Margaret Owen*, on the 28th of *September* laſt.

Item, The ſaid Jury upon their Oaths do preſent *David Jenkins*, Tucker, late of *Neath* aforeſaid, for aſſulting *Thomas Hawkins*, chief Agent to Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, and the Company of Mine-Adventurers, by pulling his Legs from under him, whereby the ſaid *Hawkins* fell into the Brook about four Foot high, on the 28th Day of *September* laſt.

Item, The ſaid Jury upon their Oaths do preſent *David Praulſe* aforeſaid, for aſſaulting and kicking the ſaid *Thomas Hawkins* on the 28th day of *September* laſt.

Item, The ſaid Jury upon their Oaths do preſent the ſaid *John Morgan*, *Griffith Morgan*, *Morgan David Preeſe*, *John Thomas*, *William John David*, and *Howel Leyſon*, all of *Neath* aforeſaid, Labourers, for feloniouſly ſtealing and taking away the ſawed Timber and Waggon Wheels of the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, found in their Cuſtodies the firſt Day of this Inſtant *October* 1705.

Item, The ſaid Jury do upon their Oaths preſent the ſaid *John Morgan* for aſſaulting and beating on Her Majeſties High-way between *Neath* and *Aberavon*, on the 28 Day of *September* laſt, *Jenkin Richard* of *Neath* aforeſaid.

Item, The ſaid Jury do upon their Oaths preſent, that the Way commonly called and known by the name of the Waggon-Way, lying and being within the Liberties of this Burrough, and croſſing the high Way leading from *Neath* to *Aberavon*, in the ſaid County of *Glamorgan*, between the Lands of the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, was formerly a Pool of Water and Dirt, and a great annoyance to all Perſons travelling that Road, till about eight or nine years ago, the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth* having occaſion for frequent Carriage of Coal, and other heavy Goods that way, did at his own expence fill up the ſaid Pool, and with Gravel, Slaggs, Cinders, and Rails of Wood four Inches ſquare, did make the ſame a good and firm way for all Perſons to paſs over the ſame with all manner of Carriages, and that the ſaid Way did ſo continue in good repair without any complaint thereof made by the Surveyors of the High-way, or any of them, or any other Inhabitant of the ſaid Pariſh, and without any Preſentment there of made by the Grand Jury of the Leet of this Burrough, and without any Interruption or Diſturbance to their knowledge, until the eighth Day of *September* laſt, at which time the ſaid Waggon-way was broke up by the ſaid *John Morgan* and others, in manner as is above preſented, upon which day, at the Requeſt of *Thomas Hawkins*, Chief Agent to the ſaid Sir *Humphry Mackworth*, moſt of the ſaid Jury viewed the ſaid Waggon-way, and with the Aſſiſtance of *Philip Gregory*, Surveyor of the High-ways, and others, meaſured the ſaid Way, and found the ſame in the higheſt part thereof, to be three Foot two Inches high above the Level of the Lane on the South-Weſt ſide thereof, at 36 Foot diſtance, and two Foot five Inches high above the Level of the Lane, on the North-Eaſt ſide thereof, at the like diſtance, and no more, with an eaſy and gradual aſcent, upon hard firm Ground, for the ſpace of the ſaid thirty ſix Foot on each ſide thereof; and the ſaid Way was in good Order and Repair until the ſame was broak up as aforeſaid, by the Perſons above-mentioned; and ſince that time the ſaid Waggon-way hath been amended and repaired by order and direction of the ſaid *Philip Gregory*, Surveyor of the High Ways, and is at this time in good and ſufficient Repair for Her Majeſties Subjects to paſs over the ſame with all ſorts of Carriages.

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Item, The ſaid Jury do preſent that the High-Way leading from the ſaid Town of *Neath*, to a place called *Mellingrythan*, is out of repair in ſeveral other places, to the Annoyance of Her Majeſties Subjects paſſing that way, and upon the default of the Surveyors of the High-Ways, and the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh of *Neath*.

Item. The ſaid Jury do preſent the Perſons under-named for opening Bulks, to the Damage of the Burgeſſes of the ſaid Burrough.

High-ſtreet.

David Thomas.
Catherine Davis.

Wind-ſtreet.
Hopkin Evan
David William
Leyſon Phillip.

New-ſtreet.
Thomas Morgan
William Davis.

Item, The ſaid Jury do preſent for making Mixons in the ſaid Burrough, to the Annoyance of Her Majeſties Subjects the Perſons under-named, *viz.*

In High-Street.

Evan Meyrick	2
Evan John Watkin	2
Jenkin Thomas of Latwit	1
John William of Kendon	1
Hopkin Howell	1
Thomas Jenkin	1
Evan George	1
Jennet Leyſon	1

In Wind-ſtreet.

Mr. *John Jenkin* Clr.	1
Herbert Williams	1
William King	1

Item. The ſaid Jury do preſent the Cauſway out of Repair, before *Lewis David* and *David Jones* Houſes, upon the Default of the ſaid Inhabitants of the ſaid Houſes in *Wind-ſtreet*.

Item. The ſaid Jury do preſent the Cauſway before a Stable that Mr. *Lewis David* formerly had, in *Wind-ſtreet*, upon the Default of the Owner of the ſaid Houſe.

Item, The ſaid Jury do preſent the Cauſway before *David Prauſe*'s Stable in *Wind-ſtreet*, to be out of repair, upon the Default of the ſaid *David Prauſe*.

Item, The ſaid Jury do preſent the Cauſway before *Jacob Davies* Stable in *Wind-ſtreet*, to be out of repair, upon the Default of the ſaid *Jacob Davies*.

Item, The ſaid Jury do preſent *Margaret Owen* for not making up the Breach by the Brink of the Brook oppoſite to her Houſe, being very dangerous to Her Majeſties Liedge People paſſing that way.

Item, The ſaid Jury do preſent *Richard Jones* for throwing *Tan Bark* to the Brook, being contrary to Her Majeſties Laws.

Item. The ſaid Jury do preſent part of the Bridge by the Priſon to be out of repair by the neglect of the Overſeers of the High-ways.

Item, The ſaid Jury do preſent *Hannah Hurley* for throwing Rubbiſh to the Brook below her Houſe, being contrary to Her Majeſties Laws in that Caſe made and provided.

Item, The ſaid Jury do preſent the Way oppoſite to *William Griffith*'s Shop, to be out of repair, and dangerous to Her Majeſties Liedge People paſſing that way.

Item, The ſaid Jury do preſent *Philip Froud* for raiſing and leaving the Mud before his Door in *New-ſtreet*, to the annoyance of Her Majeſties Subjects paſſing that way.

Item

Item, The said Jury do present *William Lewis*, Harper, for not mending the Street opposite to his House, being dangerous to Her Majesties Liedge People passing that way.

Item, The said Jury do present the Persons under-named for hauling the Market in buying Butter and other Commodities at their Houses, and hindring the People to come to the common Market, so thereby impoverishing the poor People that waited for them.

Hannah Harley
William Davis
Simon Chappel
Benjamin Hicket

Item, The said Jury do present the High-way from *Harley* to a place called *Tylhara*, to be out of repair in several places, in default of the Overseers of the High-way.

Item, The said Jury do pres
Mrs Margaret Morris for throwing Sc
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to *Lanwith* Church, being annoyance
Her Majesties Subjects passing that w

Jenkin Thomas
Leyson Hopkin
Richard Jones
John Lewellin
Richard Thomas
Thomas Mann
Edward Andrew
William John
John Owen
Thomas Lewis
Evan Meyrick
Evan John Watkin
Rees Morgan
Hopkin Rowland
Hopkin Evan.

The END.